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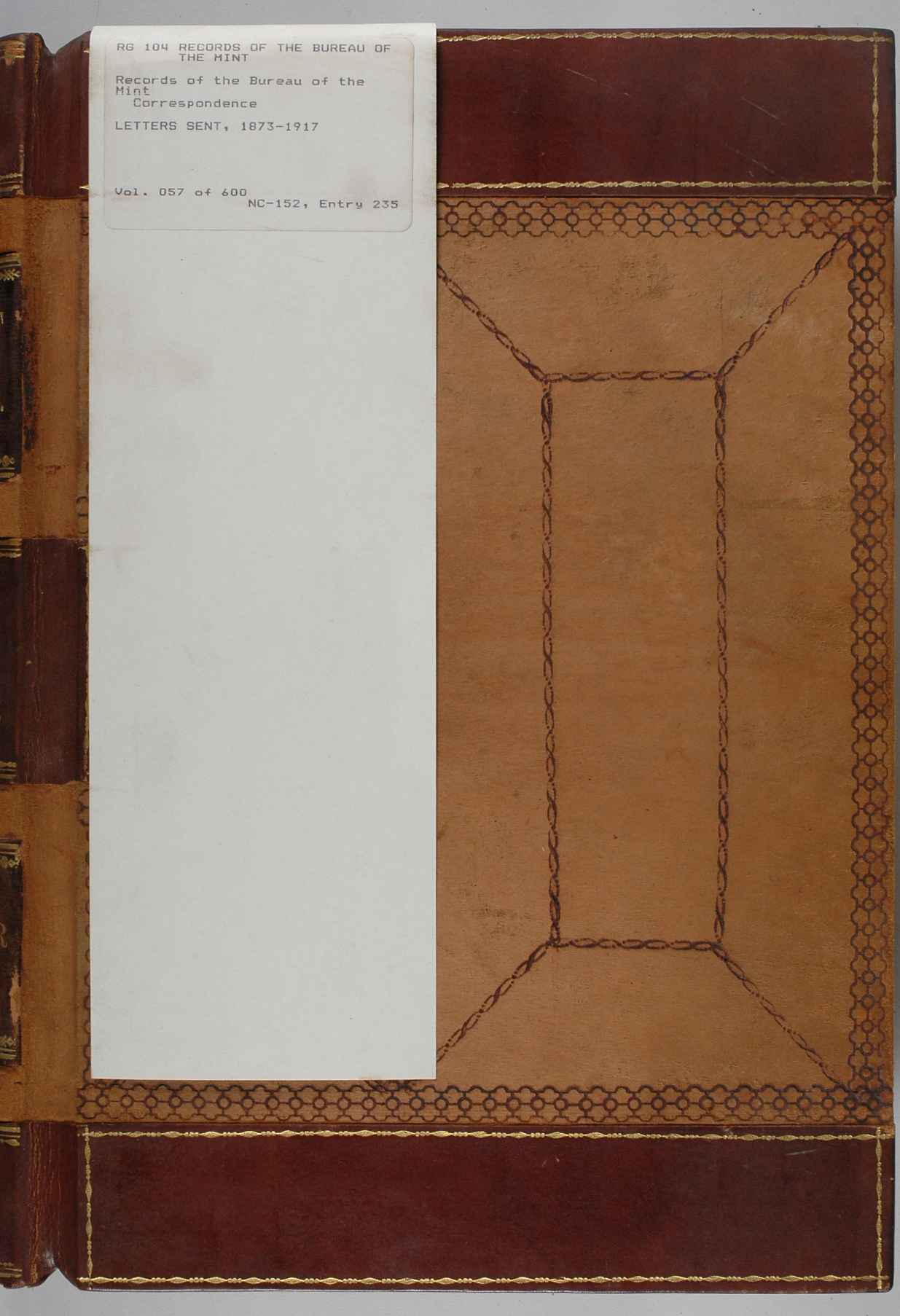
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May 1st, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

During the month of May you will please cause one hundred and fifty thousand (150000) Silver dollars to be coined at your Mint.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+ + seven hundred and fifty thousand (750000) + +

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + One Million, two hundred thousand (1,200000.) + +

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + eight hundred thousand (800000) + +

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May 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Complaint has been made by the Treasury Agent of the U. S. Express Company of the delay in the payment of their accounts for transportation of silver dollars from your mint. It appears that they have not yet received payment for the months of October, November and December as well as for January, February and March. It would seem upon the representations made that the delay has been the fault of the mint. I can see no reason why these bills can not be examined and paid by you in a reasonable time. I will thank you to give the matter your attention and report the facts to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have assigned your mint an allotment of silver dollar coinage during the current month of 1,200,000 pieces.

I think I may say that this will be the extreme limit of your silver dollar coinage under the present law.

Owing to the difficulty of purchasing silver at the market rate in the East, and owing to the additional fact that the coinage is very well up, your allotment for the next two months will probably be considerably less than for

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this month.
You are hereby instructed to at once reduce the force of the Coiner's department by doing away with the double shift. This reduction will be made at once, and the men dismissed allowed pay for the regular leave of absence authorized by the regulations.
You will please submit the names of those whose services are to be dispensed with for my action to take effect at the date of their leave of absence.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I return herewith by express to day one of the bronze copies of the medal struck to Joseph Francis. You will notice that there is a very serious defect on the bust which shows great carelessness in striking the medal. This medal should not have been forwarded in the condition in which it was received.
I did not examine the other five but sent them at once to Mr. Francis. If they were in the same condition as this they were unfit to have left the Mint.
You will please have another medal forwarded in place of the one herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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May 1st, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion account for the quarter ending Dec. 31st 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 1, 1890.

Hon. W. M. Perkins,
House of Representatives:

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th, you are respectfully informed that the amount of silver certificates outstanding to day was $297,361,953 and the amount of gold certificates $158,785,039.

As to the percentage of silver certificates presented for redemption in a period of six months the following is the amount issued and the amount redeemed in the last six months:

Issued	1889	Redeemed.
$1,630,000	November	$3,276,843
3,245,000	December	2,494,220
6,905,000	1890 January	2,701,950
2,240,000	February	2,137,400
5,810,000	March	4,805,350
2,715,000	April	3,457,250
22,545,000		18,873,013

The amount of gold in circulation, that is, outside of the Treasury was on the first day

of the present year $375,607,112 and silver $116,298,802.
Of course a portion of this was in bank, but none of it was in the Treasury).

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1890.

Joseph Francis Esq.,
127, 6th St., N.E.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I send you herewith five bronze copies of the "Joseph Francis" medal; also another set of photographs.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 1, 1890.

John Jay Knox, Esq.
National Bank of the Republic,
New York.

Dear Sir:

On my return to the city to-day from a brief visit to Philadelphia I found your favor of the 29th ult. and send you by mail to-day as requested certain reports of the Secretary of the Treasury).

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver Col.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram Confirmed

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

May 2, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury:

Sir:

I will thank you to ask proposals from the Robert Mitchell Furniture Company of Cincinnati to furnish to the mint of the United States at Philadelphia one No. 3 Cherry Curtain Desk and two Cherry Curtain Desks 4 feet by 2½ feet superficial measurement. I desire to know the price of these desks delivered at the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1890.

Fred Brackett Esq.,
Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Sir:

The number of towels in the Mint Bureau at the present date is fifteen (15) of every description.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Telegraph your Coinage for April immediately.
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 2nd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson Nev.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the report of the Assayer of this Bureau upon samples of Ingot No. 995 and blank obtained from the same.
I do not regard this as a case of segregation but due entirely to the operations of the Coining department. The copper is removed by the sulphuric acid of the cleaning bath.
While metallic silver and copper are insoluble in dilute sulphuric acid the oxide of copper is very soluble.
This by over annealing or annealing at too high a temperature a thick coating of oxide of copper is formed which is removed by

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the acid of the cleaning bath in this way increasing the ratio of silver to copper. A bath not strongly acidd would have somewhat the same effect.

Your ingots should be made up at .899 allowing a rise of one .001 in the coining department. With due care this need not be exceeded.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for Stationery shipped you in January, amounting to $12.70 payable from the appropriation for Wages and Contingent expenses of your office 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized that the coinage of silver dollars at your mint allotted for the present month (1,200,000 pieces) is to be executed without overtime.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Phila, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of April, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz.

28 S. S. Dollars	$ 28.00
10 Dimes	1.00
Total . . .	$29.00

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1890.

Telegram Baltimore Copper, Smelting & Rolling Co.
Baltimore, Md.

State by mail today lowest price at which you will sell fine bars ingot copper delivered at Carson Mint.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 3rd, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the quarter ending March 31st, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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May 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

No report of your coinage for April was received at this Bureau Thursday the 1st instant. I must ask you to explain why the coinage for April was not promptly telegraphed in accordance with the instructions heretofore given you and I trust that I shall not have occasion to call your attention to this omission again.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

It should be telegraphed promptly at the close of business the last day of the Month. E.O.L.

May 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week, at your Mint during the Month of March 1890, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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May 3rd, 1890.

Assayer in Charge
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion accounts for the quarter ending Mch. 31st, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending Mch. 31st, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

You will please forward immediately your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending March 31st, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 25th ult. returning certain papers relating to the sewer tap against the Denver mint, you are respectfully informed that I have to day approved the bill for the sum of $231.24 and referred it to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from an appropriation to be obtained from Congress for that purpose.

You will please notify the Denver officials.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 2nd instant asking that ten tons of Ingot Copper be sent you. You will please inform me whether the copper required is to be used for alloy or in the refinery. In order not to swell unnecessarily the expenditures of the current fiscal year, I have reduced the order to five tons.

Respectfull yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

When the advertisement inviting proposals for supplies required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891 appears, you will please forward one or two copies of the paper to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

When the advertisement inviting proposals for supplies required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891 appears you will please forward one or two copies of the paper to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1890, are herewith returned for correction.

The unpaid deposit account is debited with $27.52 a deposit of a prior quarter paid in the March quarter, but silver coin account does not show the transaction.

I find the unpaid deposits of the quarter to be $48,031.48 which includes silver certificates Nos. 305, 306, 307, and 311, forwarded with your account, but which were paid during the month of April. These certificates are herewith returned.

An abstract of "unpaid deposits" and an abstract of "deposits of prior quarters paid during the quarter" should accompany your accounts.

This omission has been called to the attention of your Mint repeatedly, and yet these abstracts are uniformly omitted in forwarding your accounts.

I return a duplicate bill for which you will send original, and five other bills which require your approval.

Permit me to say that whoever compiled these bullion accounts has very little knowledge of the manner in which they are to be prepared. As the entries are almost stereotyped, requiring only the inserting of the proper figures, it seems almost incredible to me that there should be any difficulty in making them up properly, and that anyone should undertake to change

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the form of the entries, as has been done in the "Unpaid Deposit" account without knowing what he was doing.
As there has been but little trouble for the last few years with the accounts of your mint I was in hopes that there would be no trouble in the future.
I think I may say that your mint is the only one whose accounts are ever returned for correction. Your Chief Clerk should give this matter his personal attention and should examine and check these accounts before you approve them. He should understand them thoroughly and should see that they are in proper shape before they come to Washington.
It is neither the province nor the intention of this bureau to revise your accounts quarterly and send them back for correction. They should be correct when forwarded.
I trust you will issue the necessary instructions to this effect.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $6,200.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during

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the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$ 3,300
Wages of Workmen	1890,	2,100
Contingent Expenses	1890,	800

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$19500.00

Salaries	1890,	$ 3500.00
Wages of Workmen	1890,	14,000 00
Contingent Expenses	1890,	2,000 00

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$498.20

Salaries,	1890	$298.20
Wages of Workmen,	1890	200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890	

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000, to meet the expenses of that refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

$7,000.00

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and forwarded to this Bureau as early as practicable the following army marksmanship medals, viz:

Two (2) gold medals - 1st prize - army marksmanship, same as heretofore known as "Army Marksmanship," except that diameter of medal to be reduced to 1 7/8 inches. Omit the single stars before "army" and after "marksmanship." Put the word "army" on the bar.

Six (6) gold medals - 2nd class prize - army

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Marksmanship.
Twelve (12) silver medals - 3rd class prize - Army Marksmanship same as heretofore known as "Third class prize Army Division Marksmanship", except that diameter of medal to be reduced to 1 3/4 inches; head increased in size and wreath around it omitted.
Three (3) gold medals - 1st prize Division Marksmanship.
Nine (9) gold medals - 2nd class prize. - Division Marksmanship.
Eighteen (18) silver medals - 3rd class prize - Division Marksmanship.
Three (3) gold medals - 1st prize - Cavalry Competition.
Nine (9) gold medals - 2nd class prize - Cavalry Competition.
Eighteen (18) silver medals - 3rd class prize - Cavalry Competition.
Eight (8) gold medals - 1st prize - Department Marksmanship.
Twenty-four (24) silver medals - 2nd class prize Department Marksmanship.
Forty-eight (48) bronze medals - 3rd class prize - Department marksmanship.
Three (3) gold medals - 1st prize - Revolver match.
Nine (9) silver medals - 2nd class prize - Revolver match.
Eighteen (18) bronze medals - 3rd class prize - Revolver Match.
All the medals to be supplied with pins, cases &c. as heretofore.
Also two bronze copies, each, of gold and silver medals, 1st and 2nd and 3rd class prizes, Army Marksmanship, without

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cases.
For the medals, cases &c. you will transmit your account in duplicate to this Bureau for payment.
It is desired by the Chief of Ordnance that these medals should be furnished by the 1st of July next, and I will thank you to inform me whether they can be furnished by that time.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:
I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $3000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, to meet in part the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 3, 1890.

To the
Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co.
Keyser Building
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:
In reference to copper for the Carson Mint I have to call your attention to a letter

from this Bureau addressed you under date of July 25, 1889, in which you were requested to modify your bid to supply the Carson Mint with copper required during this fiscal year so that a less quantity than the amount you offered to supply in your proposal of June 8th and not to exceed fifteen (15) tons, could be purchased. In your letter of July 26, 1889, you state that you will supply that Mint with any amount of copper that may be required under your proposal of June 8, at 14½ cents per pound. I find that only ten of the fifteen tons have been ordered, and have therefore to request that you will forward five tons which will make up the fifteen tons as per the letter from this Bureau of July 25, 1889. It is not deemed advisable to purchase more than five tons within the current fiscal year, for the reason that it swells the disbursements beyond the requirements of the year.

Respectfully yours,
R. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 3, 1890.

J. W. Porter, Esq.
716 D. St. N. W.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I send you herewith statement showing the estimated amount of gold and silver in the principal countries of the world.

While this statement has been compiled from the best information at hand, and in many

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cases especially as regards European countries, from official statistics; in some cases, notably, India, China and the Straits, the stock of silver money is a matter of mere conjecture.
I have given you what seems the safest and best "guess" on the subject.
I send you separately a statement showing the amount of paper money outstanding in the different countries of the world so far as I have been able to ascertain it.
You will understand that if you use the figures for the paper money in foreign countries in conjunction with the figures for the gold and silver money there will be a duplication of use, for the reason that in European countries paper money is issued by banks upon metallic reserves, and the metallic reserves are included in the stock of gold and silver but cannot be used as a circulating medium at the same time that paper is in use.
In the case of the United States only the paper money in actual circulation has been given.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:
Frederick D. Bush, Esq.,
No. 60 Wall Street
New York.

Hon. Henry M. Teller,
United States Senate.

I can give you the "uncovered" paper money in most European

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countries, if you desire it. E. O. L.

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Hon. W. W. Perkins,
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

In a communication which I had the honor to address you on the first instant, furnishing certain information which you asked, the figures which I gave you as to the percentage of silver certificates redeemed in a period of six months related to gold certificates instead of silver certificates as you asked.

I now send you a statement of the issue and destruction of silver certificates during the same period.

I regret that this error happened through the carelessness of one of the clerks of this department.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Silver Certificates.

Months.	Issued.	Redeemed.
November	$ 3,600,000	$ 4,034,757
December	10,500,000	4,511,521
January	4,900,000	5,516,150
February	8,100,000	4,946,250
March	15,500,000	4,726,186
April.	8,004,000	4,655,500
	45,604,000	28,390,364.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100000.-), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution as follows, viz: $75,000.- North U.S. Assistant Treasurer at New York and 25,000.- with First National Bank, Helena.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 5, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the information called for in the first clause of the resolution adopted by the United States Senate on the 3rd. instant.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office

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at St. Louis, Mo. for the quarter ending March 31st 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Offer of Peters accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 5th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your attention is again directed to the high fineness of the silver dollars coined at your Mint. The report of the Assayer of the Bureau shows an average fineness of 901.1 for March, while three pieces are above 901.6 and one went as high as 902.

If the coins sent this Bureau for special assay during the months of February and March represent the average of those made during that period, which it is fair to presume, the loss of silver to the Melter and Refiner was over 425 ounces on the coinage of the two months. If continued this must cause serious trouble at the annual settlement.

You will please take the necessary steps to guard against this loss in future.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to day approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia amounting to $1.73 for the manufacture of one steel gauge tool for the use of your mint, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your mint fiscal year 1890.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 5, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending April 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis Mo.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of May, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $440.28 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries,	1890	$234.30
Wages of Workmen,	1890	175.98
Contingent Expenses,	1890	

The latter item exhausts the appropriation and you must be careful to avoid creating a deficiency.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

$1600.00

Salaries,	1890,	$500
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	500
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	600

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

$7085.00

Salaries,	1890,	Mint $2500
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	3000
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	1585

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Assayer in charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Official oath of Safford R. Hamer, recently appointed Melter of your Mint, bearing date the 1st instant.

Respectfully yours.
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 5, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) and that $75000. of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and balance $25000. First National Bank Helena.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver

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Dollar, to meet in part, the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current months.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director

May 5th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your mint during the month of April 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

30 S. S. Dollars	$30.00
Total	$30.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 5th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 70,000 Ounces, at $0.9350

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred for examination and settlement your bill amounting to $1.73, for the manufacture of one steel gauge tool for the use of the U. S. Mint at Carson. The amount will be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your mint for the fiscal year 1890:

Wages of Workmen	$1.63
Contingent Expenses	.10

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 5th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending Mch. 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Hon. H. M. Teller,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator:

The resolution to print the usual number of copies of my report on the production of the precious metals, 1889, which was sent to the House a week ago today, passed that body on Saturday.

May I ask you to see the Chairman of the Senate Committee on printing, I think Senator Manderson, and ask him to report the resolution promptly to the Senate, for the reason that nearly all the information which I have, and which the Senate and House will need on the subject of gold and silver is locked up in that report, and until it is printed I will have to go constantly to the printing office for information to answer inquiries upon the part of public men.

For instance, the first clause of the Mitchell resolution, which passed the Senate Saturday covers the very information which is contained in that report, and it is necessary for me to go to the printing office to get the statements to reply to that resolution.

As there has never been any objection to the resolution upon the part of the House or the Senate, and as it is simply a question of expediting the printing of the report, I will be very much obliged to you if you will interest yourself enough in the matter to see that the report is printed promptly.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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May 5, 1890.

Hon. H. M. Teller,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Senator:

Replying to your favor of the 4th inst. relative to the paper money circulation of the different countries of the world, I would, I would say that it is customary in compiling statistics of circulation in Europe to present only the "uncovered" notes instead of the total paper issue. This is the plan pursued by Soetbeer, Haupt and all European statisticians, and you will not find in any European statistical table of circulation the total issue of notes presented in the same table with the total stock of gold and silver, as indicative of circulation.

By "uncovered" notes is meant in European statistics the total notes issued less the metallic reserve held for their redemption.

In Russia (aside from the credit notes of the Government), in Austria-Hungary, Italy, Spain and most European countries the paper money, as you know, consists of the issues of banks based upon certain proportion of metallic reserves.

I send you a table which I have compiled showing the amount of "uncovered" notes in the different civilized countries, which could properly be used with the table of the stock of gold and silver, in arriving at the amount of money in actual circulation.

For the United States I have put as "uncovered" notes the total United States

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notes and national bank notes outstanding less $100,000,000 in gold held in the Treasury for the redemption of the legal tender notes.

I send you herewith two tables showing the "per capita" circulation of the United States and of the three principal countries of Europe.

In the first table the total amount of gold and silver and notes outstanding is credited each of the countries except the United States where the total amount of gold and silver in the Treasury has been deducted.

In the second table the total amount of gold and silver in the country has been credited the United States, as is done in the other three countries, and the amount of "uncovered" notes is credited the United States as is done to the other countries.

While the second table does not fairly exhibit the "per capita" circulation of the United States it does exhibit it more fairly as compared with the other three countries than the first table.

In the second table the gold certificates have been included in the gold stock and the silver certificates in the silver stock and both, together with $100,000,000 of gold in the Treasury held for the redemption of legal tender notes, having been deducted in the "uncovered" notes.

In the table which I sent you Saturday, giving the amount of paper money in existence in different countries, I will thank you to change the amount credited Belgium from $50,000,000 to $75,000,000, being about the present issue of the Bank of Belgium.

In regard to the Argentine Republic I may

say that reports differ widely as to the amount of paper money in circulation in that country. Some recent authorities place it as high as $159,000,000, but as it is utterly depreciated it is a matter of no particular moment. I placed it as $50,000,000 but probably the amount is very much greater than that.

Trusting this information may be of some value to you,

I am, with great respect

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

May 5, 1890.

Frank L. Stevens Esq

Ordnance Office,

War Department.

Sir:

I have to reply to the questions in your letter of the 3rd instant as follows:

1st. At the present market price of silver bullion the silver dollar contains 79.24 cents worth of silver.

2nd. There are one hundred cents worth of gold in the gold dollar and one thousand cents worth of gold in the eagle or ten dollar piece.

No change has been made in the fineness of the gold and silver coins since the passage of the Act of January 18, 1837, when it was fixed at 900 of pure metal and 100 of alloy. The silver three cent piece, however, as authorized by the Act of March 3, 1851, was only .750 fine. The fineness of this

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was changed to 900 by the Act of March 3, 1853.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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To Pharr & Williams' Store,
Patterson, La.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing $42.- in mutilated currency for redemption has been received and referred to the Treasurer of the United States to whom it should have been sent.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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American Exchange, National Bank.
New York

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street
New York.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Your attention is directed to the enclosed Assay report #869.

The weight after melting shows 17.17 ounces, while on the Register of Deposits and Abstract sheet the weight after melting is entered as 17.78 ounces.

If after examination you find that 17.78 ounces is correct, you will please return a corrected Assay report in place of the one herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I send you by express to-day the model of the "Indian Peace" medal, and enclosed herewith the correspondence with the Department of the Interior on the subject.
I would suggest that you prepare a new design and submit it for their approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director

May 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:
Deposit Memorandum No. 111, dated May 2, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 111 dated April 29, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $12,562.$\frac{05}{100}$, Charges $34.$\frac{28}{100}$, and net value $12,527.$\frac{77}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

#112
$41.$\frac{96}{100}$,
$18,634.$\frac{45}{100}$.
$18,676.$\frac{41}{100}$,

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May 6, 1890.

Messrs. Meselage, Colgate & Co.,
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant I have to say that should you be unable to get the silver in time to complete the delivery on your sale of the 28th ultimo within ten days an extension of five days will be granted you. In this connection I have to say that it is very desirable that parties should complete their deliveries within ten days, as it is presumed they have the silver on hand when making their offers.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1890.

Hon. Thomas J. Morgan,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 3rd instant with enclosed correspondence, and also of the plaster model for an Indian Peace medal, prepared at the Mint at Philadelphia in accordance with the sketch furnished by your office, and submitted to your department for approval, I would say that I have sent the model back to the Mint, with your letter and the correspondence, and will have a new model prepared which I will submit to your office for approval.

While I am very anxious to obtain such

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a design as will be pleasing to you and to the Secretary of the Interior, and will spare no pains to do so. I would suggest that if you think proper you could have a design prepared by some artist outside of the Mint service, as was done in the case of the "Joseph Francis" medal and as has been done in regard to other medals, and the mechanical work of preparing the dies and striking the medal could be done at the Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 6, 1890.

B. Westermann & Co.

Gentlemen:

I am about to have the London Economist for the year 1889 bound, and find one number missing, viz: that of August 24, 1889. Please order it for us. I have received two copies of the Journal des Economistes for "Février" and "Mars" 1890. As I have ordered only one copy, there must be a mistake somewhere. Only one copy came for January, and only one for April.

If the Deuxième Supplement to Larousse's Grand Dictionnaire du Dix-neuvième Siècle is complete, as I believe it is, I want a bound copy of it uniform with the binding of the other volumes as originally published: backs, green morocco and green sides.

I have not yet received the March no. of the Institute of Bankers (London) although the April No. has come.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-seven 80/100 Dollars ($12,377.80/100) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Forty-nine 97/100 Dollars ($149.97/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty-seven 77/100 Dollars ($12,527.77/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis as shown by Memorandum No. 111 dated May 2, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + + +
+ Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-six 78/100 Dollars ($18,356.78/100) + + + +
+ Two Hundred and Seventy Seven 67/100 Dollars ($277.67/100)
+ + + + Eighteen Thousand
Six Hundred and Thirty-four 45/100 Dollars ($18,634.45/100)
+ + + + + +
+ + No. 112 + + +
+ + + + + +

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May 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar to meet, in part, the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month. No portion of this amount will be expended except for "wages of workmen" and not for that purpose until the funds of the regular appropriation are exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Territorial Enterprise" of Virginia City, "Appeal" and "Tribune" Carson and "Chronicle" of San Francisco, inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891. You will please forward copy of the advertisement in the enclosed envelope to the Publisher of the Government Advertiser.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and one cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Superintendent Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

May 7, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Assayer in Charge, Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Pay for silver contained in gold deposits ninety cents per standard ounce.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Assayer in Charge, Mint
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

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(See Telegram on preceding page)

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer in Charge, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

May 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause there to be advanced you the sum of $2558.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

$1000.00

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May 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $421.48, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$ 2500.00
Wages of Workmen	1890,	221.48
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	1500.00

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

$43,000

Salaries,	1890	$ 3000
Wages of Workmen	1890	25000
Contingent Expenses	1890	15000

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Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Until further notice you will pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of ninety-cents per ounce standard.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd. inst. relative to the steam heating apparatus, I transmit herewith the proposal of the Helena Steam Heating and Supply Co., for the apparatus, and also the bond of the same company for the faithful execution of their contract.

If the apparatus is not satisfactory I would suggest that you apply to the company to make it so, and that before entering suit upon their contract you inform the bureau what grounds, if any, of objection they make to complying with your request.

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I notice from an examination of the contract that nothing is said as to the fuel to be used in generating steam.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Hereafter you will please telegraph to this Bureau on Mondays and Thursdays of each week in time to reach here by 12 o'clock N. the New York price of Silver based on actual sales of bullion.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Have you taken the necessary steps to do away with the double shift, as directed.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced your Mint from the sum of $12,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar to meet in part the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 7th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Herewith returned for correction please find account current and abstract "A" pertaining to your medal fund account for the quarter ending March 31, 1890. In the column of "Coin" second item of the Abstract the amount should be $9.75 instead of $7.75 as entered, which increases your profits and cash balance by the sum of $2.00. I will thank you to cause the corrections to be made and return the papers without delay.

If the bill for copper purchased is paid from the profits on medals there should be no charge hereafter by the Coiner for the manufacture of bronze medals.

To simplify the examination of these accounts you will hereafter enter the different sets of gold, silver and minor proof coins,

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enumerated on abstract "B" on separate lines with the price charged for each.
In this connection I will thank you to inform me how the price charged for Silver and minor proof sets was determined.
I find that for minor coin sets you have charged the unusual rate of $0.763 per set. I would suggest that hereafter 8 cents be charged for these when sold in separate sets.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 7th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I forward to you by United States express today Seventy-five and ninety-four hundredths [75.94] ounces of gold bullion and two hundred and eighty-nine and sixty-nine hundredths [289.69] ounces of silver bullion resulting from the melting of special assay coins from the several Mints for the months of December 1889, January, February, and March 1890.

Of the Silver you will take up seven and twenty-three hundredths [.27] ounces as a purchase for subsidiary coinage, allowing the coinage value for the same. The balance of the silver you will treat as a purchase for the Standard Silver dollar coinage at its coining value.
I will thank you to make return for this bullion as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than 1000 oz. will be One hundred and one cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant enclosing letter from the Engraver in reference to Army Marksmanship medals you are informed that the medal in question is simply the first prize Army Marksmanship medal, but to be struck from a reduced die.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the abstract sheets accompanying your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1889, your attention is respectfully directed to the refining charge imposed on deposits of silver bullion made by L. Loaiza, assay numbers 156-166, receipt number 11, the date being October 4, 1889.

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It would seem as if you had charged an excessive refining charge on each of the deposits embraced in the numbers enumerated.
On deposit assay number 159 the rate should be 2 cents an ounce, whereas you have charged 2½. on the next four deposits the rates should be 1½ cents an ounce, whereas you have charged 2 cents. on the next three it should be 2 cents an ounce whereas you have charged 2½.
The deposits referred to come under the schedule "refining silver" section 3 page 8 of the regulations.
You seemed to have imposed charges for "parting" imposed by section 2 page 7.
As there was no gold reported in these deposits the charge for "refining silver" was the proper charge to have imposed.
I will thank you to explain upon what principle you imposed the charges specified.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 7, 1890.

John Williams, M. E.
Mining & Engineering Journal
27 Park Place, New York.

Dear Mr. Williams:

Referring to a conversation which we had with Senator Teller in regard to the issue of notes by private and joint stock banks in England, I have been somewhat interested to know whether it is a fact that such banks can issue notes on metallic reserves in excess of the average amount

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in circulation during the period of twelve weeks preceding the 27th day of April 1844.

I have looked the subject up a little since you were here and beg to direct your attention to sections 11 and 13 of the act of July 19, 1844 (7 and 8 Vict. C. 32) commonly known as the Charter of the Bank of England, by which it is specifically provided that the banks referred to shall not exceed the average circulation for the twelve weeks preceding April 27, 1844.

If there has been any act since which authorizes private or joint stock banks in England to issue notes upon metallic reserves I would be pleased if you would refer me to such act.

In section 17 of the act referred to you will find the penalty for over issue and by reference to the Bankers Magazine, London, you will find that the issue of private and joint stock banks never equals their authorized (or "fixed" as it is there termed) issue.

My main purpose in writing to you on the subject is to satisfy myself as to what is the exact situation in England in regard to the issue of bank notes, and I would be pleased to hear from you on the subject.

Very) respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

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May 7, 1890.

Hon. B. W. Perkins
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

Possibly the figures which I gave you in regard to the redemption and issue of silver certificates may have been misleading.

The silver certificates redeemed were not redeemed in standard silver dollars but in other denominations of silver certificates.

The total redemption of silver certificates to March 31, 1890 was $226,836,547.

There is no record prior to July 1, 1885 of the redemption of silver certificates in other money than silver certificates, but the records since that date show that only $2,699,288 were redeemed in standard silver dollars.

The silver certificates so redeemed were immediately paid out for dues.

Most of the silver certificates redeemed were of large denominations for smaller denominations of certificates.

I may say for your information that "redemption" in Treasury parlance means "destruction" - Silver certificates redeemed are destroyed and a new series or new denominations issued in their place.

Silver certificates received in the Treasury in payment of dues are not redeemed in the sense that they are destroyed, but are carried as a portion of the cash in the Treasury and paid out again in Governmental payments so that I may say there has been no redemption in the sense of destruction of silver

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certificates.
Trusting this information may be satisfactory,
I am, very truly yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1890.

Hon. Fred. T. Dubois,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Dubois:

As requested in your letter of the 5th inst. I send you herewith a statement showing the product of lead in the United States and the average price per pound each year since 1880 by producing states and territories. I cannot give you the importations of lead from Mexico except for the last two years. I do not think they have ever been compiled for prior years, unless you can find them in Mr. Caswell's argument on the silver-lead question before the Treasury Department. I have not a copy of his argument but it was printed in the briefs. Possibly Carter of Montana may be able to give it to you.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1890.

The Editor
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper
New York.

Dear Sir:

Some two weeks ago I sent you by express a bronze copy of the "Joseph Francis" medal

for use in connection with a descriptive article in your paper. If you have finished with the medal please return it to this Bureau. I would like to see a copy of the article.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-nine Thousand Two Hundred and $\frac{90}{100}$ Dollars, ($39,200.\frac{90}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars ($515.\frac{02}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars, ($39,715.\frac{92}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver as shown by Memorandum No. 26 dated May 5, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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May 8, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 26 dated May 5, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 26 dated April 30, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $39,817.$\frac{24}{100}$, charges $101.$\frac{32}{100}$, and net value $39,715.$\frac{92}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 8th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman 60,000 Ounces, at $1.0275

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram
Confirmed

May 8th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Forward by 15-days mail copy of statement made February fifteen eighteen eighty-eight of nickel used in coinage for twenty years, adding amount used to end of calendar year eighty-nine.

E. O. Leech
Director

May 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The records of this bureau do not show that the drawings of the "Joseph Francis" medal forwarded to you on December 4th, last, have been returned.

Please inquire into the matter and if they are in your possession have them returned to this bureau at once.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 8th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your mint during the month of April, 1890 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

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8 Double Eagles $160.00
24 $ Dollars 24.00
Total $184.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1890.

Hon. John P. Jones
United States Senate.

Dear Senator:

As requested by your Secretary I enclose herewith three statements showing the product of gold and silver in the world from 1493 to the close of the calendar year 1889. The product from 1493 to 1872 inclusive is given by annual averages for certain periods and is taken bodily from the work of Dr. Soetbeer.

The last period Dr. Soetbeer gave was 1871-1875 but as the exact products for the years 1873, 1874 and 1875 have since been published I deducted from his last period the annual average for three years bringing his up to the close of 1872, and have given you under the column of remarks the total product as he placed it to the close of 1875, and the total product as he would make it up to the close of 1872, estimating silver as worth $41.56 a kilogram which is its value in our coinage.

Of course the value at the ratio of 15½ to 1 would be slightly more.

I enclose two other statements showing the product of gold and silver in the world as estimated by this bureau each year 1873-1889.

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Trusting that this information will fully answer your purpose,

I am, with great respect
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & of Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer for New Orleans declined.
Will accept same at one hundred, two and three fourths cents, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:
Herewith enclosed Gold certificates #1043 and #1216, for certificate on back, and Gold deposit receipt #1226 for endorsement.
Please forward same by return mail.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director

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May 9th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:
Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 70000 Ounces, at $.9275

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1890

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Statement furnished January) sixteenth, bars for industrial use, calendar year, erroneous either in value or weight of Silver. Which is right?
Answer by mail Today.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

May 9th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending March 31st, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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May 9, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the bill of the Orr and Hess Machine Co. Voucher No. 506 of your ordinary expense account for the month of April 1890, for "Repairs to draw benches" amounting to $1,120.05- I find that $923.40 of this bill is for per diem work done outside of the Mint, viz: "115½ days work, boring, turning, planing, slotting and gear-cutting at $6.00 - $698.00" and "51 ½0 days work drilling and fitting at $4.50 - $230.40". I will thank you to inform the bureau what evidence you have in your possession that the number of days work specified in this bill were actually performed in the repairs to the draw benches, and whether the price charged per day is reasonable and such as is usually paid mechanics in your city.

You will also inform the bureau whether proposals for repairing these draw benches were invited, or what sort of a contract, if any, was made for this work.

Section 7 of article 26 of the regulations provides: "All supplies not obtained by requisition upon the Director of the Mint shall be purchased by the Superintendent or upon his order or request, and all articles procured or delivered at any mint shall be accompanied by bills or memoranda stating the quantity and price, and before payment all accounts for supplies shall be examined and certified by him."

I will thank you to inform me what examina-

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-tion you made to ascertain the number of days labor actually performed in repair-ing these draw benches.
It seems to me that the proper way to secure the best and cheapest work for the Govern-ment, which it is our duty and should be our purpose to obtain, is to have compe-tent firms examine the machines to be re-paired, and the nature of the repairs indicated, and enter into a contract with the lowest responsible party for the proper performance of the work at an agreed price.
Hereafter when extensive repairs to machinery or apparatus are contemplated you will pursue this method.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1890.

Prof. J. S. Newberry,
Columbia College, New York.

My dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your re-quest of the 8th. inst. I would say that my re-port on the production of the precious metals, an abstract of which you saw in the Mining and Engineering Journal, has not yet been printed. As soon as it is in print I will take great pleasure in forwarding you a copy.
I send you by mail to day a copy of my last fiscal report and have had your name put on the permanent list for the publications of this bureau.
Please accept my thanks for the paper

on the future of gold and silver.

Very truly yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 9th, 1890.

David Kane, Esq.
Brockton, Mass.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant you are informed that there are four coinage mints of the United States located as follows: San Francisco, Carson City, New Orleans and Philadelphia.

The letter on the coins, under the eagle, is to indicate the mint at which the coin was struck. For instance, the coins struck at the San Francisco mint bear the letter "S"; those struck at Carson City the letters "C. C."; and at New Orleans the letter "O". The coins bearing no letters were struck at the mint at Philadelphia, no mint mark having ever been put on these coins.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1890.

Hon. Wm. M. Stewart,
The Shoreham.

Dear Senator:

I send you enclosed herewith certain statistical information which you asked for today. Trusting the same will be satisfactory,

I am, with great respect,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 10, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty eight Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty three 41/100 Dollars ($28,653 41/100) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Sixty-nine 46/100 Dollars ($269 46/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-two 87/100 Dollars ($28,922.87/100) being the net value of Gold Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 23 dated May 7, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, & same address:

+ + + + + + + Helena + + + + Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-four 33/100 Dollars ($20,934.33/100.) + + + Two Hundred and One 69/100 Dollars ($201.69/100.) + + + + Twenty-one Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-six 02/100 Dollars ($21,136.02/100) + + + + + Helena + + + No. 27 + + + + + +

May 10, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending March 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 23 dated May 7, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 23 dated April 30, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $28,995 52/100, charges $72.65/100 and net value $28,922 87/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena.

No. 27 $21,189. 65/100 $53. 63/100 No. 27
$21,186 02/100.

May 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of April, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 Double Eagles	$ 80.00
16 S. S. Dollars	16.00
2 S. S. " from Feby.	2.00
	$98.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $2200.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$1000
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	1200
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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May 10, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending April, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:
Your Cashier's Daily Statement for the 3rd instant has not been received.
Please forward the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

29th ultimo + + + +
+ + + +
+ + + +

May 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department

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for examination and settlement, your Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending March 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 10th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter ended March 31, 1890, has been received.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1890.

Hon. Wm. M. Evarts,
Chairman Joint Committee on the Library,
United States Senate.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in letter of the Clerk to the Joint Committee on the Library, dated May 9th, I enclose herewith the drawings and photographs used in connection with the preparation of the model of the "Joseph Francis" Medal.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-three $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($16,583.\frac{57}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Seventy-five $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars ($75.\frac{69}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-nine $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars ($16,659.\frac{26}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 4 dated May 8, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 12, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:
I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the statistical expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte for the year ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 12th, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:
Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of May, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $872.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1890,	$272.60
Wages of Workmen	1890,	600.00
Contingent Expenses	1890,	

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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May 12, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I.T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending April 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, &c:

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar expense Accounts

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Ordinary, Refinery, Statistical and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts,

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Offer of Peters accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred three and one half cents per ounce fine.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Similar telegram, + additional sentence noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + +

for examination and settlement, your Statistical expense account for the year ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 12, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 4, dated May 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 4 dated April 30, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $16,698.$\frac{78}{100}$, charges $39.$\frac{52}{100}$, and net value $16,659.$\frac{26}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 12th 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Authority is hereby granted to purchase the office chairs necessary for the use of your office, as requested in your letter of the 6th instant. Your letter does not state price to be paid, but it is understood that extravagance must be avoided.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

Assayer in Charge, Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Unless the work imperatively necessitates the appointment of a new man, would prefer not to fill Eveleth's place for the present. Who recommends Brestett?

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant written in reply to my telegram relative to the value assigned silver in the annual statement of bars furnished by your office for use in the industrial arts during the year 1889, I would say that the coining rate of silver should be used in preparing this statement, and it is my impression that the coining rate has been used heretofore.

The rate of $1.00 per standard ounce is used in your accounts solely as a matter of convenience, and should not be used in the preparation of any statements for publication by this Bureau, as it corresponds neither to the market nor the coining price of silver.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Before acting upon the appointment of Mr. Charles J. Steele as a workman in the Melter's and Refiner's Department of your office submitted in your communication of the 10th instant, I will thank you to inform me upon whose recommendation Mr. Steele was selected and what necessity, if any, exists for the employment of an additional operative in the melting department.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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May 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant together with that of Mr. Barber and his design for the Indian Peace Medal have been referred to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for his approval.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be One hundred Three and one half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 12th, 1890.

Henry Carey Baird, Esq.
810 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 9th instant I have to reply to the interrogatories seriatim as follows:

1. Silver to the value of 1.081,742,800 marks has been retired from circulation in Germany since the beginning of the monetary reform.

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2. All the old silver coins retired, whose value I have just given, were remelted, and all the bullion resulting has been already sold leaving still in circulation in Germany one-thaler silver pieces and Austrian union-thalers to the amount, approximately, of 444,000,000 thalers, about 300,000,000 of which represent Austrian Union-thalers.

3. Previous to the demonetization of silver, there was in circulation in the States now constituting the German Empire, exclusive of Alsace and Lorraine:

Gold coin inclusive of foreign gold coin and bars . 116,000,000 Marks.
Silver Coin . 1,571,000,000 "

4. I know of no amendment to the law of 1875 prohibiting the issue of bank notes of a denomination lower than 100 marks, and think none has been passed.

5. Besides the Imperial Bank there are fifteen other banks of issue in Germany at the present time.

6. The single gold standard was substituted for the silver standard in Germany by the law of December 4, 1871, which law was supplemented and perfected by that of July 9, 1873.

7. In regard to the statement of circulation which I sent you, I think you will find that the analysis in my letter of the 23rd. ultimo explains fully how the table was prepared. If you mean by an analysis of the paper money, the kinds of money, I would say that in Germany, France and Great Britain the paper money consists of bank notes, and in the United States, as you will know,

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of United States and national bank notes and gold and silver certificates.
8. As you are writing about Bismarck's temporary eclipse, it may interest you to know that there is an article in the April number of the Journal des Economistes entitled "Documents Auxiliary to a History of Prince Bismarck as an Economist." The article will call your attention to interesting material.

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1890.

Messrs. Murdock's Nephews,
362 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your communication of the 9th inst. I enclose herewith a copy of the circular of the value of foreign coins on the first of the present year, in which you will find the value of the Austrian florin.
The law requires that the value of foreign coins shall be estimated annually by the Director of the Mint and proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury on the first day of January.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. T. J. Morgan,
Commissioner, Indian Affairs.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you a design for the Indian Peace Medal prepared by the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia, together with accompanying letter explaining the design.

You will please return the design and accompanying letter to this Bureau with any suggestions you may have to make on the subject.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1890.

Telegram

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 13, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Confirmed.

No. There is no authority of law for closing the Mint on such occasions.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending April 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 13th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:
Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

American Exchange National Bank 100,000 Ounces, at 105

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

May 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:
The Official bond of C. R. Williams Assistant Coiner of your Mint has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and was yesterday filed in the Office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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May 13, 1890.

Hon. J. D. Cameron,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of a letter of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and my indorsement thereon to the Secretary of the Treasury recommending an increase in the salary of the Chief Clerk of that Mint from $2,250 to $2,500 per annum. I also enclose copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting copy of the above to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the favorable consideration of Congress.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 13, 1890.

To the,
Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith your account for ten casks of copper shipped the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. with the request that you will receipt and return the same to this Bureau as it will facilitate the payment thereof.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined. Will accept same for one hundred and five cents per ounce fine. Answer immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa., for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary, Refinery, Standard Dollar & Statistical expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending April 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Note recommendation on abst. of disbursements of the Ordinary account.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Until otherwise instructed, you will telegraph the New York quotation for silver bullion, based on actual sales in time to reach this Bureau by 12 M. daily. When there are no sales report price of certificate and say "no sales".

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 14, 1890.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mints of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Zimmermann & Forshay 100,000 Ounces, at $1.05
Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at $1.05

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for

examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1889, with my approval, except the sum of 20¢ overpayment on transportation S. S. Dollars, which I recommend be disallowed. (Three Shipments to Tidioute.)

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery, Standard Dollar and Statistical accounts for the month ending April 30, 1890, with my approval, except Voucher No. 390 for telegrams which are charged at the old rate, the difference between which and the new schedule, $9.69, I have recommended to be disallowed.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 14th, 1890.

Hon. Whitelaw Reid,
United States Minister
Paris, France.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 30th ultimo enclosing a report on the coinage, production and movement of the precious metals in France covering the calendar year 1889 has been

received, and I beg to thank you for the same. It will afford me pleasure to supply your legation with copies of my report on the "Production of the Precious Metals" for the calendar year 1889, now in the hands of the printer, for such distribution as may seem best.

I sent your Legation a number of copies of my last fiscal report.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred and five cents per ounce fine.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 14th, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one dollar and five cents. Answer immediately if accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

To same address &c.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces additional accepted.
E. O. Leech. Director, Mint.

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May 15th, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont. for the quarter ending Mch. 31st, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + +
+ + Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at
New Orleans, La + + +
+ + + + +

May 15, 1890.

Hon. Wm. Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith one (1) gold and seven (7) silver Life Saving Medals struck in compliance with your request of the 24th ultimo. I also enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint for the medals, cases and mounting, amounting in the aggregate to $165.55, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him under cover to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company for ten (10) casks of copper shipped you on the 9th instant, amounting to $1,450.4. Upon receipt of the copper you will please forward them a draft for the amount. From the enclosed bill of lading you will see that freight on this copper is paid through by the shipper.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 15th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Mch. 31st 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended December 31, 1889 the Profits on Medals should be $514.20 instead of $505.15.

The actual profits were as you had them, but the receipts for mounting &c., amounted to $32.55, as entered in your medal fund accounts, while the amount paid for mounting &c., was $23.50, making an additional profit of $9.05.

I return herewith the Statement for the above correction and also the correction of Transportation charges of S. S. Dollars. The amount for same should be $1,369.18, instead of $1,369.38.

Disallowance on three shipments to Tidioute, - Oct. 15 and 23, and Nov. 7.

Please return the statement herewith enclosed with the corrected one at your earliest convenience.

Yours respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received one (1) gold & seven (7) silver Life Saving Medals forwarded by you on the 14th instant & have transmitted the same to the Secretary of the Treasury & also your account for payment.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith your statement of silver purchased from April 19th to April 30th for correction as indicated in pencil.

Your attention is also called to the error in the extension of the amount paid for 89.01 ounces of fine silver contained in mutilated coin, the same being extended $84.06 when it should be $86.04. Then again an error of 12 cents occurs in the extension of the cost of the partings if the amount entered on the statement as partings is correct. This will make your form No. 193 for April incorrect and I will thank you to forward a corrected form.

More care should be exercised in making up this statement. Hereafter when making it up, please enter the price paid for mutilated coin and partings.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1890.

The Editor of the National Economist,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been directed to a criticism by N. A. Dunning in your issue of the 17th inst. of the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury published in the same paper. Permit me to say that Mr. Dunning has fallen into an error in using the table on

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page 128 of my last fiscal report, (report of the Secretary of the Treasury 1889) as to the amount of gold silver and paper money in actual circulation in the United States. The table which Mr. Dunning makes use of is one showing the "ownership of gold and silver in the United States."

The location of the moneys of the United States is presented in a table on page 129 of the same report.

Permit me to say further that there is no duplication in the figures presented in the Secretary's letter as to the amount of money in active circulation in the United States. It is true that the gold and silver certificates in active circulation have been included, but it is also a fact that an equal amount of gold and silver held in the Treasury for their redemption has been deducted.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1890.

Hon. Frank Hiscock,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator:

Enclosed herewith I send you the translation from "Histoire Monetaire" by Ottomar Haupt.

I also send you the "table of contents" of my report on the production of the precious metals, now in the hands of the printer. The subject of the different chapters as well as of the tables is presented distinctly,

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and I will say that if there is any portion of this report which you think would be of service to you I will take great pleasure in having it struck off promptly and sending it to you.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1890.

Hon. Isham G. Harris,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:

As orally requested to day I send you enclosed herewith certain statements of coinage production and stock of the precious metals in the United States, and a statement showing the "per capita" circulation of the United States as compared with the three principal countries of Europe.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1890.

Telegram

Capt. Brian,
Foreman - Government Print.

You had better rush the rest of my report on precious metals into galley proof, as soon as possible, especially the tables. Senators Aldrich, Hiscock and other members of the finance committee are pressing me for it. If I can get it in galley proof I can give them the information they want.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram

Hon. N. W. Aldrich
U. S. Senate.

My report on the precious metals 1889 in press. Have about one half in galley proof – all the first part, but no tables. Have telegraphed public printer to rush it through. If you will come in to-morrow I may be able to give you what you want.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

May 15, 1890.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, you are informed that the practice of the department in making payment for silver purchases at the Philadelphia mint will not be deviated from.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall Street, New York.

No Mexican dollars will be received by the Mint at Philadelphia on account of of silver purchases.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred and five cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram to:
Hanely & Harriman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

May 16, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by wire.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U.S. Mint.
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer to it of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco in gold coin.

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 16th, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury draft No. 6163 on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco in your favor, for $324.00 the same being the value of special assay coins for the months of December 1889, January February and March 1890, including two extra Standard silver dollars from delivery No. 9.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of this draft.

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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May 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury draft No. 4787 on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans, La., in your favor, for $102.00 the same being the value of Special assay coins forwarded by you to this Bureau for the months of December 1889 & January, February and March 1890.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of this draft.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

No. 23,649
$255.00

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

No. 6164
$1,070.00

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter ended March 31, 1890, has been received.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 15th instant you are authorized to purchase one ream of tissue paper and pay for same from profits on medals, noting on your voucher this letter as your authority for making the purchase.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to day addressed a communication to Mr. Gorham, the Coiner of your mint, instructing him to proceed to Carson and investigate certain charges against the management of that mint. I trust that his services can be spared for this purpose, and that his absence will not interfere in any way with coinage operations

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at your mint.
You will please treat this matter as confidential.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 16th, 1890.

C. M. Gorham, Esq.
Coiner, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:
Enclosed herewith I send you a communication from R. M. Collins of San Francisco making certain charges against the management of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada. You are hereby instructed to proceed to Carson City and investigate the truth of these charges, and make a report to me in writing on the subject. I would suggest that you see Mr. Collins before you proceed to Carson, and ascertain from him such facts as he may be able to communicate and the addresses of such persons who have knowledge of the matters complained of. I desire that as little publicity as possible should be given to this investigation, and that you will treat this matter as confidential.
Your actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of these duties will be paid on your rendering an account properly attested.
I enclose herewith a blank form of travelling expense voucher, on which you will render your account.

Respectfully, Yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred and five cents per ounce fine. Answer immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred and five cents per ounce fine, if accepted immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar Telegram & same address.

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May 17th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Penna.

Sir:

I return by express to-day your bullion accounts for the months of November and December 1889.

You are hereby instructed to credit your "cent profit and loss" account in lieu of the credit entry now appearing in that account with the following entries:

By "re-imbursement of loss on the melting of nickel one-cent coins for recoinage into three- and five-cent coins, $2,466.69".

By "net seigniorage on the recoinage ~~on the recoinage~~ of one-cent nickel coins into three- and five-cent nickel coins, $37,725.74".

You will debit "nickel one-cent re-coinage" account with the same entries, in lieu of the present entry, $40,192.43.

These changes are rendered necessary by the unfortunate fact that a deficiency was shown in the final accounts of Dr. Mint which is contrary to the Regulations and which your Mint has been repeatedly instructed should not occur. The next time a deficiency occurs in the bullion accounts of your Mint they will be returned for re-statement. The accounting officers will not pass the accounts in their present shape, and as it was necessary for you to receipt for the deficiency of $2,466.69 in order to settle Mint Gov't's accounts you will be charged with the full amount of the seigniorage, viz: $40,192.43, shown by your accounts, unless the item

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is divided as indicated by this letter.
Please return the accounts at once.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 17th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at $1.05
Zimmermann & Forshay 100,000 Ounces, at $1.05

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith letter of the Superintendent of the Life Saving Service transmitting check of Geo. S. Bartlett, Disbursing Clerk, on the Assistant Treasurer at New York for $165.55, the same being in payment of your account for one gold and seven Silver Life Saving Medals, Cases & express charges. I return herewith medal fund voucher signed in duplicate. Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 17, 1890.

Handy & Harmon,
P. O. Box 2442,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your communication of the 16th instant relative to offers of silver has been received. I would say that the Government has not only been paying the market price for silver, but a price largely in excess of the market price in London and in excess of the price of certificates in New York city. My offer to you of $1.05 was the highest price at which certificates are reported to have been sold in New York yesterday.

I stand ready to accept for the Government a reasonable amount of silver at the market price.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1890.

Hon. N. W. Aldrich,
912 Nineteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I send you herewith a statement showing the production of gold and silver in the world since the discovery of America, being the table of Dr. Soetbeer from 1493-1885, inclusive, and the annual product for the last four years as estimated by this Bureau.

As you will see from the table there was a great deal of work on it in making the calculations into fine ounces and

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and values, especially as Dr. Soetbeer gives it only) by averages for given periods and I worked out the totals for each period for you, which was the only way to arrive at an aggregate. I mention this to account for the delay in sending the tables.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 17th, 1890.

Henry W. Hart, Esq.
19, William Street
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant you are respectfully informed that the standard silver dollars is a legal tender for all debts and dues public and private.

The language of the law [act of February 28, 1878] is: which coins together with all silver dollars heretofore coined by the United States, of like weight and fineness shall be a legal tender, at their nominal value, for all debts and dues public and private, except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram
American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred and five cents, par

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ounce fine, if accepted immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

May 17th 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer declined. Will give you one hundred and five if accepted today. Answer immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director.

May 17, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street
New York, N. Y.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred and five cents per ounce fine if accepted immediately.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Telegram Confirmed

Messrs. Zimmermann & Thorshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

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Telegram Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

Will take one hundred thousand ounces more at same rate - answer immediately.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

To same address &:

Telegram Confirmed

Delivery must be made within ten days from date of acceptance

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

also to same address on:

Telegram Confirmed

Only one hundred thousand ounces accepted, as you can not deliver second lot within ten days.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent, Mint
Carson, Nev.

Offer of Peters accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

You will forward as early as practicable form of advertisement inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, in order that I may obtain the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for publishing the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

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+ required by your Mint + +
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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:
Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 70,000 Ounces, at $1.05

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

American Exchange National Bank, N.Y.	71,000 Ounces, at	$1.0490
Fourth National Bank,	100,000 Ounces, at	$1.05
Handy & Harman	150,000 Ounces, at	$1.05
Nesslage Colgate & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at	$1.05

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
In addition to the sum of $84.- previously refunded by the U. S. Express Company on account of overpayment on shipment of

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silver dollars the accounting officers have disallowed in the adjustment of the bullion accounts of your predecessor, Daniel M. Fox the sum of 50 cents on account of an overpayment on a shipment of 500 silver dollars May 18, 1889 to Mt. Holly, N.J., upon which two minimums were charged when the express company was entitled to only one. I will thank you to cause the amount to be refunded by the express company and deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Mr. Fox on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and forward certificate of deposit to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant enclosing bids for 100 barrels of sweeps, has been received. Your acceptance of the bid of the Chicago and Aurora Smelting and Refining Company viz: $4,250 is approved. The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 19, 1890.

Messrs. J. & W. Queen & Co.
#924 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant you are informed that by making application to the Superintendents of the Mints at San Francisco, Carson City, New Orleans and Philadelphia and of the Assay Office at New York you will be furnished by them with a list of supplies that will be required for the next fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed.

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American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

May 19, 1890.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred and five cents, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

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Telegram Confirmed.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces additional accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst. relative to large deposits of silver at your institution, and the letter of the metter and refiner enclosed, I would say that it is not practicable to increase your supply of silver bars as a bullion fund, and if the deposits of silver

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for bars continue beyond your capacity to handle them you will simply let depositors for bars wait until bars can be prepared for them.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of to day approving certain transfers in your mint you will notice that I have approved the designations submitted except in one instance although I do not approve of some of the new titles assigned.

I would be pleased if you would inform the bureau explicitly of the nature of the duties to be performed by the men appointed in the "adjusting room" and "wash room" as well as those appointed to the "coining room" and "general delivery balances".

In order to avoid a multiplicity of titles it is the custom in the other institutions to use the general term "workmen" without regard to the exact duty to be performed. I would suggest that before these changes are entered on the official register that the titles "adjusting room", "wash room", "coining room" and "general delivery balances" be changed to some more general title.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith the design for the "Indian Peace" medal prepared by the engraver of your Mint with the information that the same meets with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and you are instructed to prepare the medals accordingly.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 20, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Haggin & Harman 50000 Ounces, at $1.0475

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1890.

Hon. John W. Noble,
Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 19th inst., returning with your approval a design for the "Indian Peace" medal, prepared at the Mint at Philadelphia, may I ask you to return the inclosures sent with the design, namely: letters from the Superintendent and Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 20, 1890.

Hon. John F. Swift,
U. S. Minister to Japan,
Tokei, Japan.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 25th ult., transmitting the information called for by the State Department at my instance, relative to the coinage, movement and production of the precious metals in Japan, for the calendar year 1889, has been received and I beg to express my thanks for the same.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirm

May 20, 1890.

Messrs. Hay & Webb,
Carmi, Illinois.-

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 7th instant enclosing draft on the Importers and Traders National Bank of New York for $100.- with the request that $60.- in five cent nickels and $40.- in one cent bronze pieces be sent you, has been referred to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, to whom it should have been addressed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 20, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred, four, and three-fourths cents, per ounce fine.
No further offers desired until Thursday.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

May 21, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the

sum of Twenty Thousand Five Hundred and and 57/100 Dollars, ($20,500 57/100) in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred and Six 06/100 Dollars ($606 06/100) in Silver Coin making a total of Twenty-one Thousand One Hundred and Six 52/100 Dollars ($21,106 52/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 28 dated May 17, 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 21, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City I. T. for the month ending March 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Two (2) similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + + + +
+ Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts
+ + Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia) + +
month + April 30, 1890 + + + + +

+ + + + + + +
Bullion accounts + + Superintendent + + Mint +
San Francisco Cal, + + Quarter + Dec. 31st, 1890 + +

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May 21st, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expence account for the month ending March 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 21, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

At the close of business on the 28th instant you will please telegraph the amount and cost of your local purchases of silver in May.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

May 21, 1890.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

You will please return Gold Certificates of Deposit Nos., 1043 and 1216, inadvertently

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sent you. They do not require certificates on back.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 21, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 28, dated May 17, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 28 dated May 10, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $21,166 05/100; Charges $59 53/100, and net value $21,106 52/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 21st, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 55,000 Ounces, at $1.0475

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Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

(Zimmermann & Forshay) 100,000 Ounces, at $1.0475.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar ac-counts for the months ending April 30th 1890 with my approval. Please note an underpayment of 75¢ to John C. Bowen and one of 50¢ against Mrs. Sexton both of the Coiner's department.
The first may result from overcrediting extra time, but the latter is due to an erroneous calculation.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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May 21, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 15th instant enclosing a letter from the Assayer of your Mint relative to the charge imposed for refining Silver Deposits Nos. 159-166 inclusive, I would say that if these deposits required toughening, the regular toughening charge should have been imposed and entered in the column marked "toughening".

The discretion to impose a toughening charge when necessary is lodged with the Assayer, but when such charge is imposed it should appear on his Report and on the Abstract sheets.

If the assayer supposes that the language of Art. 4, of the Regulations authorizes him to modify the charges prescribed in the Schedules of the Regulations, he is laboring under a serious mistake.

The Regulations fix the charges to be imposed upon the different classes of deposits and they cannot be modified or altered, except with the approval of this Bureau upon a statement of the facts submitted for its consideration. The intention of the Regulations is not to allow any officer the power to alter the charges fixed by the Director with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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May 21st 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 21, 1890.

R. P. Rothwell Esq.
Special Agent, Census Office
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I send you by Express today a package containing the correspondence with this Bureau upon the part of Private Refineries

May 21, 1890.

Hon. Frank Hiscock,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I send you herewith certain statements requested today. You will understand, of course, that the amount of gold and silver money in circulation in the various countries of the world is at the best, but an approximation, and authorities differ widely as to the amounts. In regard to the amount of silver money in India, China, and the Straits, which contains much silver bullion, the estimates are mere guesses, and I have given you the most conservative "guess" of the most noted statisticians.

In regard to European countries I have given you in many cases the official estimate.

Very respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Part of Private Refineries

May 21, 1890.

Hon. Frank Hiscock,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I send you herewith certain statements requested today. You will understand, of course, that the amount of gold and silver money in circulation in the various countries of the world is, at the best, but an approximation, and authorities differ widely as to the amounts. Of the world, the estimates are mere guesses, and I have given you the most conservative "guess" of the most noted statisticians.

Very respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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In regard to European countries I have giv

May 21, 1890.

Hon. Francis M. Cockrell,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I send herewith the information, as nearly as it is possible to compile it from the data in my possession, requested in your telegram of this date.

You will understand of course, that the amount of silver in circulation in various countries is in many cases but an approximation, notably in India, China and the Straits.

I have given you for these three countries the best "guess" of leading statisticians.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1890.

M. A. Meyendorff, Esq.
Gilsey House, New York.

Sir:

Your application for extension of leave of absence to the 20th. proximo is approved, and I have so informed the Officer in Charge of the Assay Office at Helena, Montana. I would suggest that you do not delay your return beyond the 20th., as the change of Officers will necessitate a thorough clean up and closing of the institution for a brief period.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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H. C. Johnson, Esq.
#110 Wall Street
New York

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant you are advised that if you will make application to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans, you will be furnished with a complete schedule of supplies advertised for including coin bags.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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American Loan and Trust Company,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will consider bids to-morrow.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred four and three fourths cents per ounce fine. Answer immediately.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to
Zimmerman & Forshay
#11 Wall Street, New York.

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May 22, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars ($35000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz: $25000 - with Assistant Treasurer at New York
10000 " Boisé City National Bank

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 22nd, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City Idaho for the quarter ending March 31st, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

Denver Colo.

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May 22, 1890.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars, ($35000.-) and that $25,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and balance of $10,000.- with Boise City Natl. Bank.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 22, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending March 31, 1890, is herewith returned for correction.

The item of "Wages of Workmen" should be $1,432.50 instead of $1,832.50.

Please return the enclosed with a corrected Statement at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

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May 22nd, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Boise City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending Mch. 31st, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

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Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Offer of Peters accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 22d, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by

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draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:
Fourth National Bank, 100,000 Ounces, at $1.035

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank, 100,000 Ounces, at $1.035

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Some time ago I spoke to you, and to the engraver of your mint relative to striking a bronze medal in honor of the Secretary of the Treasury, as was done when Mr. Folger was Secretary.

I send herewith some photographs of the Secretary, and will thank you to instruct your engraver to prepare at once a plaster model.

When he has the wax model in shape I may send for him to come to Washington and have the Secretary give him an hour's sitting if necessary.

Please proceed with the work at once.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Offer of Harries accepted.

E. O. Leech.
Director, Mint.

May 22, 1890.

W. H. Barnett Esq.,
c/o Harper Bro's.
Franklin Square, N. Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 20th inst., asking permission to have instruction in private assaying in the U.S. Assay Office in New York City, you are respectfully informed that the Assay Office in New York is designed for the transaction of public business and not for the purpose of giving lessons in assaying.

If Prof. Torrey informed you that he would admit you as a student in the U.S. Assay Office he exceeded his authority, as he is well aware that it would not be proper to do so.

I believe that Prof. Torrey has a private assay establishment so that if you are desirous of obtaining instructions in assaying you can probably accomplish your purpose at his private works.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint

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May 22, 1890.

Mrs. A. S. Badger,
New Orleans, La.

My dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., relative to the appointment of your sister in the Mint at New Orleans, I have referred the same to the Superintendent of the Mint in that city for such action as he may deem proper in the case.

I would say for your information that the appointments in the New Orleans Mint are vested by law in the Superintendent, and it is not my practice to suggest appointments to the Superintendent, and if any ladies have been appointed through Washington influence it has not been at my suggestion except in the case of one lady, in whom Senator Cameron of Pa. was interested.

I return herewith the letter of General Thomas and Dr. Smyth.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1890.

Frank J. Rush Esq.
City Editor, Journal of Commerce,
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant making inquiry as to whether the Confederate government ever coined any money or not, you are informed that according to statements made by Dr. M. Bonzano, formerly Melter and Refiner and B. H. Taylor

coiner of the Mint at New Orleans, it appears that the Mint was turned over by the State of Louisiana in the year 1861 to the Confederate states and that in the month of April orders were issued by Mr Memminger, Secretary of the Treasury of the Confederate states that designs for half dollars be submitted him for approval.

The one approved had on the obverse of the coin a representation of the Goddess of Liberty surrounded by thirteen stars denoting the thirteen states from which the Confederacy sprung, and on the lower rim 1861. On the reverse there was a shield of seven stars representing the seceding States. Above the shield was a liberty cap, and entwined in it, stalks of sugar cane and cotton with the words "Confederate States of America."

There were only four pieces struck from the die selected, for lack of bullion, the bullion on hand at the New Orleans mint at the time of its seizure, having been consumed in coinage from the regular dies furnished the Mint by the United States at the commencement of the calendar year 1861.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1890.

Hon. James G. Blaine,
Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the letter of Mrs. James Ross, relative to a position

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in the mint at San Francisco, which was referred by you to this department has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1890.

R. P. Rothwell, Esq.
Special Agent, 11th Census,
27 Park Place,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I send you by express today, for use in connection with census work, the advance sheets of my report on the production of the precious metals in the United States, 1889. This embraces the entire report except the large coinage table of the mints, and the index which have not yet been received from the printer.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1890.

Hon. J. B. Eustis,
United States Senate,

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 21st instant, I enclose herewith an approximate statement of the amount of gold, silver and paper money in the principal countries of the world.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Justin S. Morrill
United States Senate.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a statement showing the exportation of gold from the United States each month since July 1, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1890.

To the Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your message to-day making an offer of silver came "collect". The custom of the department invariably is, to pay for replies to all offers of silver and it is but just and proper that parties submitting offers by telegrams should pay for them.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1890.

Telegram

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

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May 22, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

American Loan and Trust Company,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York.

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street
New York.

May 22, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces declined. No further offers will be considered until Monday.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 23, 1890.

Assayer, in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending

April 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please have struck and mounted, one silver Life Saving Medal and forward the same to this Bureau as early as practicable. The medal should be furnished with a case.

You will transmit your bill for the medal receipted in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday I have to say that the vote in letter of the 21st inst. did not refer to your April rolls, which have not yet been received at this Bureau.

It is not necessary to return the rolls for correction as both payments were less than the parties are shown to be entitled to, and the errors can be corrected in your next accounts.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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To the
Fowle Manufacturing Company
Newbury Port, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing four samples of silver bullion, and requesting that it be assayed as one and enclosing $2.00 to pay for the same, has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 24th, 1890

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., for the Quarter ending Mch. 31st, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ Ordinary + Refinery + of + Standard + Silver + Dollar +
+ + + + New Orleans + +
+ month + April 30, 1890, + + +
+ + + + + +

May 24, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

In future you will please keep each months work separate on your Abstract sheets, making totals at the end of each month and carrying same by months to your Summary sheet. This will save much labor in the Bureau and will cause no inconvenience or extra work at your mint.

Your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1890, has not yet arrived. This Statement should be forwarded as early as possible and with the same regularity as the Bullion Accounts.

Silver Profit Fund Warrant #3 for transportation of $. St. Dolls., - being the duplicate bill - is herewith returned for the original.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 24, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

In your payments as shown in Bullion Accounts do not separate amounts paid in coin and by check. Close out your "Profit and Loss Account" every quarter by depositing amount recovered from Deposit Melting Room in grains and sweeps.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 24th, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending Mch. 31st, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Ordinary, Refinery, and Standard Silver Dollar
Month April 30, 1890

May 24, 1890.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending March 31, 1890, is herewith returned for correction; the item of "Contingent Expenses should be $749.73, instead of $749.43.

Please return the enclosed Statement with a corrected one by return mail.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

At the close of business on the 28th instant, you will please telegraph the amount and cost of your local purchases of Silver in May.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech

May 24, 1890.

Hon. J. W. Cockrell,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

Replying to your despatch of this morning, you are respectfully informed that the full legal tender silver coins in Germany at the present time, consist of old Silver Thalers of the German States and Austria which have not been redeemed under the coinage laws of 1871-73.

Prior to 1871 Silver was the standard of value in Prussia, and the ratio between gold and silver in coinage was 1-15.5. Under the present law until the old Silver Thalers are redeemed, they pass current for 3 gold marks.

The seigniorage on the coinage of Silver dollars from March 1, 1878 to May 1, 1890, was $65,474,305.19.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1890.

Telegram. C. M. Gorham,
Coiner, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Pay your own railroad fare.
It will be allowed you.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 26, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed. Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Offer of Peters declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 26, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of current date in reference to shipment No. 27 from Denver, I have to state that inasmuch as the Memorandum enclosed to you agrees with that forwarded to this Bureau, and as you had advised the Assayer in charge at the Denver Mint of the discrepancy it is not thought necessary by this Bureau to take any action in the matter, as it is presumed the Assayer in charge at Denver would make reply to your letter.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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May 26, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Globe Democrat" inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891. You will prepare and forward a copy of the advertisement in the enclosed envelope to the Government Advertiser.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1890.

Hon. F. M. Cockrell,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of 8 day, I send you herewith statements showing the stock, ownership, and circulation of gold and silver in the United States for certain dates.

In regard to the subsidiary silver circulation I would say that the estimate of the amount of subsidiary pieces in the United States is based upon the coinage of the Mints since 1873, less the amount melted annually for re-coinage, together with the net import or export of subsidiary silver coins, and an annual deduction of $200,000 for subsidiary silver pieces used in the arts being appropriately, the amount reported to this

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Bureau by goldsmiths, jewelers &c. for four censuses taken by the Bureau of the annual consumption of gold and silver in the industrial arts in the United States.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1890.

Señor Don Matías Romero
Mexican Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks a copy of the paper "The Two Republics", containing an abstract of my report on the production of the precious metals – 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1890

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street, New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
#11, Wall Street, New York.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

A Committee of this Department is adjusting the forms used by the various branches of the Treasury service, and it has been suggested by the Accounting Officers that the form used by the Assayer in making his report on deposits of gold bullion be made of the same size as the Mint Receipt the object being to insert the Mint Receipt and the Assay Report in the folds of the Certificate of Payment, constituting a complete voucher.

Before acting upon this suggestion I desire to ascertain whether you know of any valid objection to this change.

You will please communicate with the Bureau at once on the subject, and forward with your letter a copy of each of the forms of Assayer's Reports now in use in your Institution.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters sent to the following addresses:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

over

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt., U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

May 27, 1890

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 22nd instant authority is hereby granted you to make such reasonable renovation of the Mint building under your charge, as may be necessary, and to replace such carpets as may be actually worn out, but before commencing the work it will be necessary to request bids from responsible parties and submit same to this Bureau for approval, with your recommendations.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Daily Republican" inviting proposals for such supplies as will be required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891. You will forward a copy of the advertisement in the envelope enclosed to the Government Advertiser.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery division Treasury Department for stationery shipped you in the month of March, amounting to $5.80, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint fiscal year 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + + + + + + $9.99

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.
$124.31

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.
April, $2.70

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.
April $4.35

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.
April $40.05
of your Office

May 27, 1890.

John Little Esq. Chairman,
United States and Venezuela Claims Commission
1317 F. Street, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 23rd. inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, inquiring the value of the peso of Venezuela, and

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whether there has been a variance in such value since 1845, you are respectfully informed as follows:

Prior to 1848, the peso of Venezuela averaged about 17.9 grams of pure silver, and was worth about $0.73.9. This fineness however was only the average fineness of the peso, at that time, the amount of pure silver sometimes going below 17.9 grams and I am satisfied that the estimate in Torres' tables about 1816, was a correct estimate of the value. From 1848 to 1872, the peso of Venezuela, called the Macuquina peso, coined in accordance with the law of April 30, 1848, contained 20.7 grams of pure silver. This peso was worth about $0.86. The present silver peso, or Venezolano of Venezuela created by the law of July 2, 1873, contains 22.5 grams of fine silver and, compared with the amount of pure silver in the silver dollar of the United States, is worth $0.93.5.

By the act of June 2, 1887, the monetary unit of the Republic of Venezuela was changed to the silver bolivar, and the silver coin struck since then is the 5-bolivar piece of 25 grams weight .900 fine, containing 347.22 grains of pure silver which is the same amount as in the peso coined under the act of 1872.

The value of the 5-bolivar piece, as proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury on January 1 of the present year, was $0.70 which is the market value of the silver contained in that coin.

But the value of the piece as compared

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with the silver in the Standard Silver dollar of the United States is $0.93.5. The present value of the silver peso or 5-bolivar piece of Venezuela is about $0.72, at the current price of silver.

Trusting this information will fully serve your purpose, I am,

Yours, with great respect,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1890.

Chas. Longuemare, Esq.,
Editor, "The Bullion",
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I notice a statement in your issue of the 20th inst. to the effect that the United States had been forced to purchase silver bullion in London, and that I had confessed this to be substantially true.

Permit me to say that the Government has purchased no silver bullion in London, and that I never made a statement to that effect. What I did say to the reporter, who evidently was not familiar with this subject, was that silver bullion was being bought in London by private parties in the United States, and was being imported into this country and deposited at the United States Assay Office at New York for manufacture into fine bars.

I feel sure that you will be anxious to correct such a misstatement of fact.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

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Hon. John Wanamaker,
Postmaster General.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the letter of Mr. Alfred Richardson, dated May 13, 1890, relative to his re-instatement in the mint at Philadelphia, referred by you to this bureau, has been referred to the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1890

Telegram Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will consider offers Thursday.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

May 28, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($75,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz. $50,000.- with U. S. Assistant Treasurer at

New York $25,000 with First National Bank Helena.

Respectfully, yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 28, 1890.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending April 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed the same.

U. S. Mint at Carson

May 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending April 30th, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech, Director.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office New York City.

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and three cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

May 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars, ($75,000.-) and that $50,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and balance of $25,000.- with First National Bank, Helena.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Referring to gold deposit made Nov. 2nd., by the German National Bank, Newark, No. 2160, entered on your Abstract Sheets, I find that you have imposed a refining charge of 4 cents. It is thought that this amount was intended as an alloy charge.

Please inform me on the subject and how it can be corrected.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Colonel:

I send you by express today a package of papers just received from General Bingham, relative to the new Mint at Philadelphia.

You will see that he desires me to write an abstract of a report for him on the subject.

Please turn the papers over to Mr. Cobb and ask him to prepare the report for me and to have it done by Saturday morning in Typewriting, when I will be at the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I return herewith memorandum of Shipment
No. 27 from Denver, enclosed in your letter
of the 24th instant.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

May 28, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I enclose herewith voucher to be signed
and forwarded with the Life Saving Medal,
ordered on the 23rd instant.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
An extension of five days has been granted
Messrs. Heslage, Colgate & Co. in which
to complete delivery on their sale of the
19th instant.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, will be one hundred and three cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The official bond of Samuel Doorman, recently appointed Abstract Clerk of your mint has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and will to-day be filed in the office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 28, 1890

E. J. Babcock, Esq.,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Mr. Babcock:

Enclosed herewith I send you the Statement of Coinage, requested for Senator Sherman.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Hon. John Sherman,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Senator:

As requested by Telephone to day I send you a statement showing the Coinage of the Silver Dollar and Fractional Silver Coin from 1792 to 1853.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1890.

Hon. J. Sherman,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Senator:

I send herewith the Tables requested in your letter of yesterday, brought up to the latest date.

No tables of prices have been compiled by this Bureau since the ones which I compiled for the Report on Precious Metals, 1885.

I send you, however the 12th number of the Statistical Abstract of the United States, on pp. 304-314 of which you will find Tables of prices of Commodities in the United States.

Any other information which you may need in connection with the coinage, production and movement of the precious metals, I will be happy to furnish.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Messrs. Heselage, Colgate & Co.
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of the 27th instant, an extension of five days is granted in which to complete delivery on your sale of the 19th instant.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director

May 29, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventeen Thousand and Thirty-three $\frac{60}{100}$ Dollars ($17,033.\frac{60}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Sixty-seven $\frac{09}{100}$ Dollars ($267.\frac{09}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred and $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars ($17,300\frac{69}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City as shown by Memorandum dated May 24, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-three Thousand and Seventy-five $\frac{41}{100}$ Dollars, ($53,075.\frac{41}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Ninety $\frac{98}{100}$ Dollars ($490.\frac{98}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Fifty-three Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-six $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars ($53,566.\frac{39}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated May 24, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

May 29, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. — dated May 24, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 24 dated May 17, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $17,349.$\frac{68}{100}$, charges $48.99, and net value $17,300.$\frac{69}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of

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your Institution is that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

No. 29
$53,695.67/100,
$129.28/100, and net value $53,566.39/100

May 29th, 1896

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman 75,000 Ounces, at $1.03

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:
I herewith return for signature Assayers certificate of Gold Deposit #2163 date March 21. 1890.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

May 29, 1890.

Hon. H. M. Teller,
United States Senate.

Dear Sir:
In reply to your letter of the 28th inst. you are respectfully informed that the coinage of sovereigns and half sovereigns of Great Britain from 1884 to 1888 inclusive, was £3,978,672 ($19,362,207).
The returns for 1889 have not yet been received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

May 29, 1890.

George Wilson, Esq.
Secretary Chamber of Commerce,
New York City

Sir:
Your letter of the 28th instant requesting to be furnished with a bronze copy of the medal awarded to Mr. Joseph Francis, has been referred to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company
Denver Colo.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street
New York.

May 29, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

May 29, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces additional, accepted.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Del. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and seven 14/100 Dollars ($35,907.14/100) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Twenty-seven 22/100 Dollars ($427.22/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-six Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four 36/100 Dollars ($36,334.36/100) being the def'd value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated May 21, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

May 31, 1890.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith one Silver Life Saving Medal struck in compliance with your request of the 22d instant. I also enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the medal, cases, mountings and express charges, amounting to Eleven Dollars ($11.00) for which amount I will thank you to cause a draft in his favor to be transmitted under cover to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acty Director of the Mint.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address.

St. Louis Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) at St. Louis

Mint San Francisco Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.-) Superintendent at New York

and the Superintendent of the Mint be advised of credit by wire.

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May 31, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the imperfect condition of the coins made at your mint during the month of April.

The edges are round giving the coin an unfinished appearance which is probably due to bad milling. Please see that this defect is corrected in future.

Yours respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed please find silver bullion equal to sample of ingot and blank forwarded this Bureau for Assay.

Yours Respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of April, 1890 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

May 31, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($500000.-)

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50000.-) St. Louis.

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May 31, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated May 21, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 27, dated May 15, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $36,428.74/100, charges $94.38/100 and net value $36,334.36/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received the Life Saving Medal forwarded by you on the 29th instant and have transmitted the same together with your account to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 31, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Return Statement of Silver purchased from April nineteenth to thirtieth. Explanation of twenty-fourth received.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

May 31, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Offer of Harries declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

May 31st, 1890.

Hon. Frank Hiscock
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The coinage of gold and silver by the Mints of the United States from 1793 to the end of the calendar year 1889 has been as follows:

Gold	$1,571,532,733.00
Silver	584,543,628.20

The enclosed table gives the production of gold and silver from the mines of the United States from 1878 to 1889, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 31, 1890.

Hon. J. M. Cockrell
United States Senate.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 30th instant, I inclose herewith a statement showing the amounts of half dollars, quarter dollars, dimes and half dimes coined from 1793 to 1852 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1890

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined. Offers will be considered on Monday.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

June 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of Deposits and Purchases (Form #60) for January 2 I find you have entered the amount of domestic production as 84,724 Standard ounces silver, while on form #61 only 84,712.72 fine ozs. are reported.

Please make the necessary corrections and return the statements promptly.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and two cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You will please cause 200,000 Silver dollars to be coined in June.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letters, except as to amounts mentioned, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

700,000

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

1,200,000

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal. 800,000

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June 2nd, 1890.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

If you have not already done so, you will immediately upon receipt of this letter render your final account with the appropriation for "Contingent expenses Office of Director of the Mint" 1890 - for the collection of mining statistics. Whatever unexpended balance may remain in your hands will be deposited and the certificate of deposit forwarded with the account. Should any small bills remain unpaid they will be approved by you and forwarded to the Bureau for settlement.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Telegram Confirmed

June 2nd 1890

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

You are authorized to paint the building as suggested in your letter of April fourteenth.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram

June 2, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Jim telegraphed Saturday at Butte. broke prospect poor. Have telegraphed him twice. Operator reports undelivered. Carter telegraphed General Warren and Clayburg. Please telegraph Jim two dispatches await him. If he has no suitable employment give him temporary employment in Assay Office.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

June 2nd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0220

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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June 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:
I will thank you to forward Cashier's Daily Statement for May 17 none having been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

June 2, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Have you any double eagle or eagle dies for this year?

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
The Treasury is badly pressed for dimes and I have authorized the Treasurer to send you from the assistant treasury at Baltimore $20,000 in fractional silver coins, including $5000 in silver dollars.
As about $7,000 of the fractional silver is of the coinage prior to 1853 we think that the gain on this and the silver dollars will largely compensate for the loss on the remaining $12,000. I would say that there is only $1,400 in the Treasury to pay the loss on recoinage so I trust you will use every possible effort to keep

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the loss within these figures.
Upon receipt of this coin you will at once proceed to coin it into dimes, giving it precedence to all other coinage.
I would say that the Treasurer has promised me that he will not draw on your gold stock heavily, but will draw on the Assistant Treasury so that you can let up somewhat on gold if necessary.
Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 2nd 1890.

Mark H. Cobb, Esq.
Chief Clerk U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo relative to a set of coins of "1880", what I desired was a half-dollar and quarter dollar of "1890".
Will you please send them at once.
Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
Until further notice the purchasing rate for silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint will be one hundred and two cents per ounce fine.
Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 2, 1890.

Hon. F. M. Cockrell,
U. S. Senate,

Dear Senator:

As requested in your letter received this afternoon I send you herewith a Statement showing the production of gold and silver in the world each year, 1860 - 1889. Silver estimated at its coining rate in the United States.

Referring to the variations in the annual product of the precious metals, which you find in the reports of this bureau, I would say that the product for the last three years is revised in each succeeding report from later information, which accounts for the variations. In the last report you will find the latest estimate on the product for the three preceding years.

I send you herewith an advance copy of my report on the precious metals, 1889, on pages 60 and 61 of which you will find the product of the precious metals in the world reviewed.

I hope to have some copies of this report before the end of this week for distribution.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1890.

Hon. Frank Hiscock,
United States Senate,

Dear Senator:

I send you a statement of the amount of U. S. registered bonds held in Europe. I have not succeeded in obtaining the amount of the

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coupon bonds but will send you the statement as soon as received. I also send you a statement of the stock of coin in the United States (not including bullion) of this date.
I send you an advance copy of my report on the production of the precious metals, 1889, which may be of some service to you. On pages 60 and 61 you will find a statement of the annual production of gold and silver in the world for a series of years.
I would like you to read the article on the stock of money in the United States, pages 46 – 59.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 2nd, 1890.

Hon. Nelson W. Aldrich,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

I send you herewith an advance copy of my report on the "Production of the Precious Metals in the United States, 1889." Also a copy of a provisional statement of the stock of gold and silver coin in the United States (bullion not included) which I rendered the Secretary today.
Trusting they may be of some value to you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

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Boston and Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept the same at one hundred and two and two tenths cents, which is above both the London and New York price, but the same price that we pay the Fourth National Bank today for Silver delivered at New Orleans.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

June 2, 1890.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer for New Orleans accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

June 2, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street, New York.

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June 2, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer at one hundred, two and one half cents declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 3d 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the United States Mint at Carson City be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco by telegraph.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 3rd. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of yesterday and my letter of to-day requesting that $100,000 in Gold Coin be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, I desire to again direct your attention to

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the importance of utilizing your stock of coin by paying it over the counter to depositors and sellers of bullion.
It is not good public policy, nor the wish of the Department to accumulate a large stock of coin at Carson City for which there is no use, and one of the strong arguments in favor of opening the Mint at Carson City for coinage was that the coin could be used in that section of the country.
Your frequent requests for transfers to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, leave the impression that there is no considerable demand for either gold or silver coin in Nevada.
Doubtless you use your best endeavors to avoid additional credits with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, but I beg to impress on you the importance of insisting that depositors shall take coin in Carson City.
I feel confident that you will assist the Department to distribute the coinage of your mint instead of storing it away and issuing drafts on San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 3d, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000)

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and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, at San Francisco by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

June 3, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Your requisition calls for nine hundred dollars salaries and four hundred twenty-five wages. Should not these figures be reversed.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 3, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the Chronicle, newspaper of Charlotte, inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891. You will please forward a copy of the advertisement in the enclosed envelope after you have filled in the proper dates, to the publisher of the Government Advertiser.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 3d, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 50000 Ounces, at $1.0220

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 3rd. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I enclose herewith two forms of Assayer's report, one for Gold bullion and one for silver bullion, which I propose to substitute for those now in use. The size has been made to correspond with the exact size of the certificate so that the report may be inserted in the folds of the certificate.

I will thank you to examine the forms critically and return them to me by return mail with any suggestions you may have to make in regard to the language employed for the different headings and for the charges.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

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June 3rd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June, 1890 has been approved for the sum of $4498.88 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$1650.00
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	1700.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	1098.88

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$14,394.80

Mint

Salaries	1890,	$2,600.00
Wages of Workmen	1890,	11,794.80

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $10,000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion"

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$5000.00

June 3rd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, to meet in part the expenses of that coinage, at your Mint, during the current month.

It is not desirable to have a balance of your appropriation for Wages of Workmen remain unexpended, at the expense of this appropriation, I have consequently

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requested that the entire balance be advanced you and reduced your requisition as above.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is desired by the department that a more suitable morocco case should be furnished for the life saving medals and I have been requested to cause several samples to be submitted to the General Superintendent of the Life Saving Service that one may be selected. The department desires that a better quality of case than that heretofore supplied should be furnished, and one in which the medal will be fitted without so much padding as in the present case, which is regarded as too thick.

I will thank you to confer with morocco case manufacturers and to obtain from them samples, and submit the same, provided they are willing to submit samples without expense to the government beyond express charges between Washington and Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1890.

Hon. T. C. Power
United States Senate.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 31st inst. relative to the salary of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, asking for an explanation as to when and how it was reduced from the salary fixed by law, namely, $2,500 to $2,250 per annum and for a comparative statement of the volume of business of the Helena office, the Denver Office and the office at St. Louis, I have the honor to say that the salary of the Assayer-in-Charge of the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, was reduced from $2,500 to $2,250 per annum by the act making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year 1887, approved July 31, 1886.

It will be remembered that this appropriation act did not pass Congress for a month after the commencement of the fiscal year for which the appropriations were made, and this bureau was not aware that any such reduction was contemplated. No reduction in the salary of this position had been recommended by the Director of the Mint or by the Secretary of the Treasury, and for what reason the reduction was made no one seems to know. It was made in the House Committee on Appropriations probably with a view of economy, and the Department was not aware of the change or that it was contemplated until after the bill had become a law. In submitting the estimates for appropria-

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tions for the next fiscal year my predecessor, under date of October 22, 1886, asked that the salary of the Assayer in Charge be restored to $2,500. (estimates of appropriations 1887-88 Appendix E) which had been the salary of the position prior to the fiscal year 1887. This recommendation was repeated in the estimates for the fiscal year 1889 (estimates of appropriations 1888-89 Appendix P).

The salary of the assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver and of the Assay Office at St. Louis was left at $2,500 although the business of the Assay Office at Helena was practically the same as that of the Mint at Denver, as will be seen from the enclosed statement, and was ten fold the amount of business transacted at the assay Office at St. Louis.

I concur in the opinion of my predecessor that this reduction of salary should not have been made. That it was done without consultation with or recommendation of the Treasury Department, and evidently without due consideration.

The business of the Assay Office at Helena has steadily increased, and the very year that the reduction was made the deposits were nearly $3 000 000 more in value than in either of the preceding years.

I am of the opinion that the salary attached to this office should be restored to the amount fixed by law, namely, $2,500, and that the business of the institution and the responsibilities of the office fully warrant it.

I consider it an injustice that the

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officer in charge of the Assay Office at Helena should receive less salary than the officers in charge of the Mint at Denver and the assay office at St. Louis.

Your letter of the 3rd inst. is returned herewith.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 3, 1890

George W. Moss, Esq.,
Agent, Adams Express Company,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I return herewith your account for the transportation of gold bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to Philadelphia in the month of May for correction. The transportation of $67,227.26 at $2.40 per 1000 dollars, amounts to $161.35 and not $161.62 as charged.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-nine 50/100 Dollars ($13,369.50/100) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and Thirty-six 64/100 Dollars ($136.64/100)

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in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Six ⁴⁄₁₀₀ Dollars ($13,506.⁴⁄₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated May 31, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 4, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City I. T. for the Month ending April 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted to same address:

Denver + U. S. Mint +

Assay Offices + Assayers in charge Helena, St. Louis & Charlotte,

Superintendent + Bullion accounts + Assay Office + New York quarter + Dec. 31st, 1889

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Statesman" newspaper of Boise, inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891. You will please forward a copy of the advertisement after you have filled in the proper dates, in the enclosed envelope to the publisher of the Government Advertiser.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1890

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, I. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending April 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

+ bullion accounts + + Quarter + Dec. 31, 1889 + +

June 4, 1890.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending May 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Circular Letter.

June 4, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In preparing your requisition for blank books and forms to be used during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, you will please order in compliance with the rules of the Department a sufficient quantity to last your institution at least for the period for which the requisition is intended to cover and to avoid as far as possible the necessity for subsequent requisitions.

It is suggested that your requisition be in the shape of a letter and each sample of blank form enclosed should be numbered to correspond with a similar number in your letter which should also state the quantity of each blank on hand.

In every case a sample copy should be forwarded with the requisition especially so in ordering books, when the number of leaves (two pages to each leaf) if paged or numbered and title of the book should be written distinctly on the sample leaf as well as in your letter.

Before forwarding your requisition for stationery for six months ending Dec. 31, 1890 include in it all the material that you will have occasion to use during that period.

Department Circulars referring to the above are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Similar letters, addressed to:

Supt. U.S. Mint
Carson.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver.

Assayer U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Supt. U.S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

In view of the near approach of the annual settlement of the accounts of the operative officers required by law, I think it would be well for you to close your mint to the receipt of crude deposits say at the close of business on the 21st. inst. or sooner if necessary, and for the remainder of the month to refuse to receive deposits of gold or silver bullion except deliveries on purchases made by the Treasury Department.

You will please instruct your melter and refiner to refine all crude deposits of gold and silver received up to the date that you close for the receipt of deposits, and run them into fine bars or ingots for delivery in settlement, so that at the annual settlement he will have no crude deposits on hand, and his material will all be in the shape of standard or fine metal, except his settlement and sweeps bars.

You will please notify me later at what date the settlement at your mint can commence, that is when the business of the melting and coining departments will cease, and things be in such shape that the operative officers can commence their deliveries to you in settlement.

This will depend somewhat upon when you can complete your allotment of coinage for the current month.

If practicable I would like the business of the fiscal year to be completed to

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that the deliveries in settlement can commence on the 25th instant, but you will notify me either by letter or telegram so as to reach me not later than the 18th inst. at what date the deliveries can commence. I will then notify you of my intentions in regard to the settlement.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 4, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June 1890, has been approved for the sum of $1525.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$425.
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	900.
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	200

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$475.67		Office
Salaries	1890,	$288.43
Wages of Workmen	1890,	187.24
Contingent Expenses	1890,	

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June 4, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated May 31, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 30 dated May 24, 1890 has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $13,541.35/100, Charges $35.21/100 and net value $13,506.14/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In view of the fact that I have been able to purchase but little silver for your mint at the current market price, for the reason that the principal refinery which sold silver for your mint is depositing its silver in New York for the issue of certificates and in view of the approaching annual settlement of your accounts and those of the operative officers, I think it would be well for you to close your mint to the receipt of crude deposits say at the close of business on the 21st inst., and for the remainder of the month to refuse

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to receive deposits of gold or silver bullion except deliveries on large purchases by the Treasury Department.

You will please instruct your melter and refiner to refine all unparted gold and silver received up to the 21st inst. and run it into fine bars or ingots for delivery in settlement, so that at the annual settlement he will have no crude deposits on hand and his material will all be in the shape of standard or fine metal except his settlement and sweeps bars.

You will please notify me later at what date the settlement at your Mint can commence, that is, when the business of the melting and coining department will cease, and things be in such shape that the operative officers can commence their deliveries to you in settlement.

I will endeavor to purchase a sufficient stock of silver bullion to enable you to complete your coinage for the current month before its close.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of May 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have

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been received, viz:

20 S.S. Dollars	$20.00
Total	$20.00

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Except as here noted:

2 Double Eagles	$40.00
24 S.S. Dollars	24.00
20 Dimes	2.00
	$66.00

June 4, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The bronze copy of the Joseph Francis medal which you were kind enough to send me was taken by Senator Evarts, Chairman of the Committee on Library. He saw it in my room and thought he was entitled to it so I let him take it along. He also suggested that I furnish the other members of the Committee on Library with copies. I believe there are two other members of the Senate Committee. Possibly it would be well to do so.

I will thank you to send me another copy of the medal in lieu of the one which

I gave Senator Evarts.
Of course there will be no charge for these medals.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Evening Telegraph" of your city for advertising for proposals for supplies that will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, amounting to $46.48, which sum is payable from the appropriations for contingent Expenses of your Mint, for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your dispatch of the 29th ult. notifying me that you would close for the receipt of crude deposits on the 14th inst. and for fine deposits on the 21st inst. has been received, and your action is approved. Probably the usual pressure will be brought to bear to receive for approximate payment fine gold deposited during settlement. While I have no desire to incon-

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-venience depositors. I do not think that one class should be favored above another, and I think that this pressure should be resisted, and I trust that you will not recommend for my favorable action any such request.
I presume that the melter and refiner will refine all the crude deposits received prior to the annual settlement. Such is my wish. I will notify you of my intentions in regard to the annual settlement later.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram
Confirmed

June 4, 1890.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Offers will be considered Thursday.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 5, 1890.

S. G. Brock, Esq.
Chief, Bureau of Statistics.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of current date in reference to the gold product of California in the years from 1874 to 1878 inclusive, the following is the estimate of this Bureau:-

1874	$17,500,000
1875	17,617,000
1876	17,000,000
1877	15,000,000
1878	15,260,000

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Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Inexpedient to place funds at New York. You should pay, as far as possible, over the counter.
Gold deposits should not be paid by draft on San Francisco.
Inexpedient to accumulate large stock of coin at Carson.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 5, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Offers of Peters accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

June 5, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June, 1890, has been approved for the Sum of $226.60, payable from

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the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1890, $226.60

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

$4153.67	Mint	
Salaries,	1890,	$ 1171.10
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	1396.75
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	1585.82

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000. from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar, to meet in part the expenses of that coinage at your Mint, during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 5th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint, Denver Colo.

Sir:

Referring to the last paragraph of letter from this Bureau dated March 1st. 1890, your attention is called to the fact that no bond has yet been received from your Chief Clerk, Mr. Sackett.
This matter should have received immediate attention at your hands as, in your absence, Mr. Sackett acts as Assayer-in-Charge in which capacity he disburses public funds for which you are responsible. He should be required to file his bond, in the penal sum mentioned, at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 5, 1890.

The Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st. ult., relative to the steam heating apparatus in your building, I have addressed a communication to the Helena Steam Heating and Supply Co. and possibly they will confer with you on the subject. I would prefer to have the matter adjusted amicably if it can be done rather than to enter into a suit for damages and recovery on their bond.

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If they see you on the subject you will explain the difficulties and possibly they will be willing to remedy them.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 5, 1890.

The Superintendent U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, relative to imposing a parting charge on gold deposits containing over .010 of silver, I would say that the Regulations provide as follows:

Except in the case of bullion alloyed with copper and directly suitable for the composition of standard metal, all gold bullion below .990 fine shall be subject to a parting or refining charge and the parted metals allowed the depositor.

This is the general regulation in regard to imposing a charge for parting and refining the precious metals, the intention of the regulations being that wherever a deposit contains base metals which render it unfit for direct conversion into ingots suitable for coinage a charge for eliminating these base metals, and the incidental parting and refining of the precious metals, shall be imposed.

As I have said to you orally in case a deposit of gold bullion contains a copper base with a small amount of silver but no other base metals, it does not require refining and a

charge should not be imposed; but in all cases where a deposit of bullion contains base metals which render it unfit to be made directly into coins of the United States a charge for eliminating such base metals should be imposed.

If you will use this test as your guide I think it will cover all cases, and I am not disposed to rule on a case containing a certain portion of silver say .014 or .015 unless I know what the base is. It is not so much the quantity of silver it contains as the character of the base which should determine whether the deposit requires to be refined.

I repeat that your rule should be that if a deposit contains base metals which require to be eliminated to fit it for coinage, a charge for eliminating such base metals and the incidental refining of the precious metals should be imposed regardless of the silver contained.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday, relative to the photographs of the Secretary I would say that I handed him Mr. Barber's letter of the 28nd. ult., and I presume at his leisure he will

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have some more pictures taken. I cannot hurry him in the matter, especially this hot weather.
I can have some photographs worked up from the same negatives if they will answer Dr. Barber's purpose, but I don't like to insist upon the Secretary having another sitting except as his own inclination would suggest.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

June 5, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Offer of Soaiza accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

June 5, 1890

The Helena Steam Heating and Supply Co.
Helena, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of several communications from the officer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, complaining that the steam heating apparatus which you furnished for that building, and which you contracted under a bond, should do the work satisfactorily, does not work to the satisfaction of the institution, and that while it was designed to burn coal it will only operate properly with wood as fuel.

Before placing this matter in the hands of the U.S. District Attorney, and involving you in a suit for damages it seemed to me that it would be best to write you on the subject and ascertain whether you are willing to make the steam heating apparatus satisfactory to the Government.

You may be aware that your contract renders this necessary, and that a suit on your bond could be enforced, but I would prefer to have you do this of your own volition than to attempt to recover damages.

I would suggest that you confer with the assayer in charge of the assay office and ascertain where the difficulty lies and that you remedy it.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1890.

B. Westermann & Co.,

Gentlemen:

Some time ago I ordered through you for the Bureau of the Mint:

1. Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften. Herausgegeben von Conrad Lexis etc. Vol. 1 bound. This volume is now published.
2. 2nd Supplement to Larousse's Dictionnaire du dixneuvième siècle.
3. Statistical Abstract of the Principal & other Foreign Countries, No. 16.

All other orders sent you have been filled and paid for, and I am desirous to have the above filled at your very earliest convenience, so that I may close.

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the account the Bureau has with your firm up to the end of the fiscal year.

Please order for the Bureau:

1. The September No. of the Bulletin de Statistique et de Legislation Comparée, for the year 1888.
2. The London Economist for August 24, 1889.
3. The Index to the London Mining World for 1889.
4. Table des matières, for Vol. II of the Economiste Français 1889.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1890.

The Editor,
Mining and Engineering Journal,
27 Park Place, New York.

Dear Sir:

I find that the last bill for your Journal, paid by this bureau, was for the date ending January 1, 1889, and no bill has been received since. If this conforms to your books I would suggest that you send a bill for the current year so that I can pay it out of the appropriations which expire on the 30th inst.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Homans Publishing Co.

Please send to the Bureau the index to the Bankers' Magazine published by you for 1889, in order that I may have the volume for that year bound.

Respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

June 5, 1890.

To
The Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co.
Keyser Building, Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, asking to be advised when the Carson City and New Orleans Mints will be in the market for copper, and if contracts will be made for the coming year, you are informed that the amount of copper that will be required depends in a very great measure upon the action of Congress in reference to the coinage of silver. You can forward your bid to the Superintendents of the Mints at Carson City and New Orleans, to deliver such quantity of copper as they may require during the coming fiscal year. The copper must be delivered, in case of acceptance of your bid, free of charge.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1890.

Hon. J. C. Power,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your note of yesterday I send you herewith two dozen copies of the public debt statement and of the statement of assets and liabilities of the first inst. and also a dozen copies of a statement prepared by myself, showing the amount of coin in the United States.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Your offer declined. Will accept the same at one hundred and three cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 5, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street, New York.

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June 6, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred and Two 95/100 Dollars ($17,202.95) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Fifty-five 34/100 Dollars ($255.34/100) in Silver Coin making a total of Seventeen Thousand and Four Hundred and Fifty-eight 29/100 Dollars ($17,458.29/100) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by memorandum dated June 2, 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + +
+ at Charlotte + + +
+ + + Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and Eight 23/100 Dollars ($16,408.23/100)
+ + + Eighty-six 76/100 Dollars ($86.76/100) +
+ + Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-four 99/100 Dollars ($16,494.99/100) +
+ + + + Charlotte + +
June 3rd, 1890 + + +
+ + + + +

June 6, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause the sum of Seven Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars ($730,000.-) to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of O. C. Bosbyshell Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram

June 6, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and three cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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June 6, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated June 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 5 dated May 31, 1890 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $16,535.$\frac{33}{100}$, charges $40.$\frac{34}{100}$, and net value $16,494.$\frac{99}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

June 2, 1890
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May 29, 1890
$17,502.$\frac{30}{100}$, $44.$\frac{01}{100}$, $17,458.$\frac{29}{100}$

June 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing Inventory of Stationery has been received. The Inventory is returned herewith with the request that it be made out on the forms sent by 15 days' mail.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In future you will please forward the monthly statement required by the Rules and Regulations to be made by you without letter of transmittal, as the letters simply serve to cumber the files of the Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 6th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made (this day) at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts

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respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 20000 Ounces at 1.03.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Your letter addressed to Henry Troemner of Philadelphia ordering a bullion balance with a capacity of ten thousand ounces, has been forwarded to Mr. Troemner with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint will be one hundred and three cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of Seven Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars ($730,000.-) to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
Enclosed herewith find account of the "Evening Bulletin" of Philadelphia for advertising for proposals for supplies that will be required by your mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, amounting to $34.80 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 6th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending May 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 6, 1890.

Charles Fremantle, Esq.
Deputy Master of the Royal Mint
London, England.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt to-day of six copies of the 20th annual report of the Deputy Master of the Mint, 1889.
I have only as yet had time to glance at it but I have no doubt I shall find it very interesting.
I send you by mail to-day three bound copies of my report on the production of the precious metals, 1889, just from press.
When I receive some library editions from the printer I shall send you one for your personal use.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1890.

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.,
28 Rue St. Georges,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 19th ultimo, as well as one of prior dolate, I have been received, and I thank you for the information which they contain. By To-day's mail I send you a library copy of my report on the production of the precious metals - 1889. In dealing with the amount of money outstanding (in circulation) in the United States as compared with European Countries it is very difficult to place the two on an equal footing. As you are doubtless aware in this country, aside from Government issues, paper money is issued only by National Banks and not upon metallic reserves as in Europe, but upon a deposit of Government bonds in the Treasury of the United States. We hold that all the money in National banks, reserves as well as issues, are just as much in circulation, as money in the hands of individuals.

On our statement of circulation it is customary, to deduct only the amount of paper and metallic money in the Treasury of the United States. You will find, however, that I have made a comparison of the amount of money in circulation in this country and in European Countries upon the basis used by European statisticians.

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The question of the standard and especially the enlarged use of silver as money, is absorbing the attention of the American Congress. A great many propositions have been proposed but the issue seems at present to be between a bill for the free coinage of silver and a bill for the purchase of 4,500,000 ounces of silver a month and the issue of Government notes to all intents and purposes full legal tender.

One thing is certain that whatever may be the views of European economists or whatever may be the intention of European Governments, a very decided step in favor of the enlarged use of silver as full legal tender money in the United States will be taken by the present Congress, and will become a law.

Yours very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

I have just received your letter of the 26th ult. with the newspaper cutting criticising my estimates of the per capita circulation of the United States and the principal Countries of Europe and I have read it with considerable interest.

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June 6, 1890.

Dr. Adolph Soetbeer,
Göttingen, Germany).

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 18th ultimo is at hand. By today's mail I send you a Library edition of my report on the production of precious metals - 1889, just from press.

You will find that I have presented the statistics of the circulation of money in the United States as compared with European countries upon the basis employed by you. It is difficult to make a comparison between the amount of money in circulation in the United States and in European countries for the reason that, abide from Government issues, paper money in the United States is issued only by National banks and is not based upon metallic reserves but upon Government bonds deposited in the Treasury of the United States. We hold that money in National banks, whether reserves or current cash, is just as much in circulation as money in the hands of the people.

It is customary to deduct from the total stock of money the metallic and paper money in the Treasury of the United States, and to class all other money as outstanding, or in circulation. However, I present in this report for the first time, a table showing the actual stock of metallic and "uncovered" paper money and a comparison with European

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countries.

The question of the standard and especially the use of silver as full legal tender money, is absorbing the attention of Congress. Various measures have been proposed but the issue at present seems to be between free coinage and a bill providing for the purchase monthly of 4,500,000 ounces of silver and the issue of notes thereon & to all intents full legal tender.

Whatever may be the result of this contest one thing is certain, that an advanced, a very decidedly advanced, step will be taken by the Congress of the United States at the present session in favor of the enlarged use of silver as full legal tender money.

Whatever may be the opinion of European economists as to the wisdom or folly of such a measure I am satisfied that the Government and people of the United States will spare no efforts to re-establish silver as one of the money metals of the world at its old ratio.

With great respect,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1890.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street
New York.

Gentlemen:

You are respectfully informed that offers for the sale of Silver will hereafter be considered only on Mondays and Thursdays of each week.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined. Offers will be considered on Monday.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 7, 1890.

S. G. Brock Esq.
Chief, Bureau of Statistics.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 15th instant I transmit herewith an approximate statement of the production of gold in Nevada, Oregon and Arizona from 1860 to 1888 inclusive. I am unable to give you any approximate figures of the production of Gold in these States and territories from 1848 to 1860.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 7, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Section 2, article 29 of the Regulations provides: The mints and assay offices shall be open to the public for the transaction of business from 9 o'clock A. M. to 4 P. M.

You are hereby instructed that deposits of bullion, whether for sale to the Government, or for storage, are not to be received at your mint after the hour when it is closed to the general public.

You will please enforce this order strictly.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

You will exhaust your regular appropriation for wages of workmen for the current fiscal year before using for the current months any portion of the money advanced you from the appropriation contained in the act of February 28, 1878 for the coinage of the standard silver dollar. After the first of July you will use your regular appropriation for wages of workmen for the payment of wages in your mint, and your monthly requisition from this appropriation will be made to cover a sufficient sum to pay the entire wages for each month.

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The appropriation contained in the act of February 28, 1878, can be used only as a deficiency appropriation and is not to be drawn against unless it should become necessary toward the close of the fiscal year.

It will be understood that no expenses other than for wages are to be paid from funds advanced you from the appropriation for the coinage of the silver dollar, and that all expenses for supplies and material are to be paid for from your contingent appropriation or from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion as the nature and purpose of the supplies may indicate.

You are hereby instructed to close your ordinary accounts for the current fiscal year as soon after June 30 as may be practicable and to notify all parties who have bills against the mint to present them promptly for payment. I see no good reason why the fiscal year's accounts should not be closed finally by the first of August, the accounts and statements for the fiscal year rendered by that time and the unexpended balances of the annual appropriations promptly deposited in the Treasury. Of course it will not be necessary to deposit balances of funds advanced you from the appropriations for parting and refining bullion, or for the coinage of the standard silver dollar.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

over

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Similar to letter on preceding page, except as here noted:
addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

After July 1st.

It will be understood, of course, that no expenses,

August, the accounts and statements rendered
by that time

A similar letter to one on preceding page,
addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Similar letter except the omission of the
paragraph beginning:
"After the first of July"
and ending: " become necessary toward
the close of the fiscal year".

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June 7, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $4,500.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1890,	$4.50.
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	600.
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	350.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

$20832.76		Mint
Salaries,	1890,	$2,162.30
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	6,670.46
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	12,000.00

June 7th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $20,000, from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver

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Dollar, to meet, in part, the expenses of your Mint on account of that Coinage, during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1000.00 to meet the expenses of the Refinery in connection with your Institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 7th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31st 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.
+ + Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense + +

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June 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst. touching the medall to be prepared for the Secretary of the Treasury, I would say that the Secretary had another sitting a few days ago and I will have some profile views worked up and sent you shortly.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 7, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined. Bids will only be considered on Mondays and Thursdays.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 7, 1890.

Hon. Binger Hermann,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 6th inst. relative to the reinstatement of Miss Ella M. Greenhood in the Mint at San Francisco, I have the honor to inform you that the communication has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, in which officer the appointments are vested by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-one Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-four 46/100 Dollars, ($41,564.46/100,) in Gold Coin and Four Hundred and Forty nine 90/100 Dollars, ($449.90/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-two Thousand and Fourteen 36/100 Dollars, ($42,014.36/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated June 4, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 9, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $863.70, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1890,	$ 263.70
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	} 600.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 9, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and six cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

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June 9, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated June 4, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 28 dated May 31, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $42,120.$\frac{18}{100}$, Charges $105.$\frac{82}{100}$, and net value $42,014.$\frac{36}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 9, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary

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of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Zimmermann & Forshay, 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0650
Zimmermann & Forshay, 100000 Ounces, at $1.07

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address.

Zimmermann & Forshay, 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0650
Zimmermann & Forshay, 50,000 Ounces, at $1.07

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
Until further notice you will pay for silver contained in gold deposits, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, at the rate of one hundred and six cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 9th, 1890,

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Receive thirty-five thousand ounces from Selby Smelting & Lead Company at one hundred and five cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director.

June 9, 1890.

C. M. Gorham, Esq.,
Coiner, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:
Your communication of the 31st. ult. reporting the result of your investigation of certain charges made by Mr. Collins, relative to storing stolen silver bullion in the mint at Carson, has been received.
I gather from your report that the information upon which this charge was based is untrustworthy, and that it was not sustained even by the statements

of the persons to whom Dr. Collins referred you I would have preferred that your report should have been more definite and that you would have reported your conclusions upon a full investigation of all facts.

You will please have no further communication with anyone on this subject and if Mr. Collins, or any of the parties interested, desires any further information you will refer them to me.

If you will forward your bill for expenses to this bureau it will be paid.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 9, 1890.

Hon. John J. Abbott,
U. S. Minister to Colombia

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 5th ult. transmitting under instructions from the Department of State certain data relative to the coinage and movement of the precious metals in the Republic of Colombia during the calendar year 1889, has been received.

It would be very interesting and valuable if you could obtain some definite information relative to the Silver product of Colombia. The Statistics are very contradictory, and any definite information on this subject would be a valuable contribution to the statistics of the product of the precious metals in the world.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1890.

Messrs.
Dessolage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant you are respectfully informed that foreign silver coins will not be received by the Mint at Philadelphia on account of sales of silver to the government.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

June 9, 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one dollar seven cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram Confirmed

June 9th 1890.

Selby Smelting & Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:
Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

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Telegram Confirmed

June 9th, 1890.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one dollar and seven cents, per ounce fine, accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

June 9, 1890.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces additional, at one dollar and seven cents, accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

June 9th, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined,

E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

June 9, 1890.

The Boston & Colorado Smelting Works,
Denver, Colorado.

At what price will you deliver one hundred thousand ounces of silver at the New Orleans Mint? An immediate answer requested.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 10, 1890.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Samuel C. Wright, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars ($90,000.00) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1890.

Hon. Wm. Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of A. W. Smyth, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty

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Thousand Dollars ($450,000.-) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion funds of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31st., 1890, is herewith returned for correction.

Items of "Contingent Expenses" and "Parting and Refining Expenses" respectively should be $6,023.34, and $5,907.60, instead of $6,031.80 and $5,915.23. See Department Letters, March 19th, and April 23d. 1890.

Forward corrected Statement at your earliest convenience and return the one herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $5,200 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, to meet in part the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June 1890, has been approved for the sum of $2245.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1890, $1545.00
Contingent Expenses 1890, 700.00

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of May, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4	Double Eagles	$ 80.00
12	S. S. Dollars	12.00
	Total	$ 92.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

6	Double Eagles	$ 120.00
26	S. S. Dollars	26.00
	Total	$ 146.00

June 10, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $90,000.— to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of your Mint be in-

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-creased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to the foregoing, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

$450,000.

June 10, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

If you have not sufficient funds on hand to pay for the renovation of your mint, proposed in your letter of the 9th inst. which I have authorized, I would suggest that you make requisition on your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year for a sufficient amount to meet these expenses. You will understand, of course, that all proposals should be acted on before the 30th inst. and the contract made before that date, so that the expenses can be paid from your appropriation for the current fiscal year. It is not necessary that the work should be done before the 30th of June. If the contract is made before that date the expense can be borne from this year's appropriation even if the work is done later.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech. Director.

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Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 5th inst. requesting permission to close the Mint & receipt of deposits on the 20th inst. for the purpose of settling the accounts for the present fiscal year, you have my authority to do so.

I would suggest, however, that for the convenience of depositors it might be better to select some later date say the 25th inst.

All the bullion could be shipped before the 30th inst. if the Mint was closed even on the 28th but I leave this matter entirely to your discretion.

You will ship all the bullion in your possession before the close of the present fiscal year so that there will be no balance of bullion on hand in your accounts of June 30th.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 10, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint, Denver Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your statistical expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 10, 1890

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Journal" of Helena, Mon. for Supplies that will be required for your office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891. You will please forward copy of the advertisement in the envelope enclosed, to the Government Advertiser.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

June 10, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Check out in payment of deposits this month, your balance with First National Bank, as far as practicable.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 10th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 120,000 Ounces, at $1.07

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman, 100,000 Ounces, at $1.07

June 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant, I would say that I approved your requisition for parting and refining funds for $1000, instead of $3000 as you asked, for the reason that you had a very large

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balance of parting and refining funds on hand and I did not think that you would require more than $1000 additional.
I will thank you upon receipt of this letter to make an estimate of your expenses from this appropriation and if you find that with your balance on hand and the $1000 which I have requested to be advanced you, you will not have sufficient funds to meet the parting and refining expenses of the current month you will please let me know and I will request an additional advance of as much as you will need.
In regard to your requisition for contingent expenses I did not advance the odd dollars for the reason that I did not think they would be required, and advanced the round sum of $12,000. If you find that the $784.97 remaining in the Treasury, will be needed it will be advanced you later. As you had a large contingent balance on hand it did not seem possible that you would expend your entire contingent appropriation, and I thought it well to leave a small balance in the Treasury for contingencies. But, as I say, if you find you need it, it will be advanced you.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of May 5th, last, advising you of the payment of your bill for the manufacture of a steel gauge tool for the U. S. Mint at Carson, I have to say that you were erroneously instructed to credit your appropriation for Wages of Workmen with $1.63 of the amount. The whole amount is to be credited to your appropriation for contingent expenses. This reduces the amount advanced you from your appropriation for Wages of workmen to $6,668.83 instead of $6670.46, as advised in my letter of the 7th instant.

In this connection your attention is called to the fact that in your last requisition for an advance from your appropriation for contingent expenses the amount requested was less by $11.00 than is shown by the books of this Bureau to stand to the credit of the appropriation. This is believed to result from an omission to notify of the payment of your bill, amounting to $11.00, for the manufacture of a set of Reeding Tools for the San Francisco Mint. This amount was to be covered to the credit of your appropriation for contingent expenses. I will thank you to cause this to be done, if not already credited, and after the changes herein noted are made to forward a statement of the repayments which have been made to your appropriation during the year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I inclose herewith medal fund voucher signed in duplicate for one Life Saving medal forwarded by you on the 29th ultimo. I also enclose draft of George A. Bartlett on the Assistant Treasurer at New York for $11.00, in payment for medal, case, mountings &c.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please return to this Bureau the "Register of Gold Payments" referred to in your letter of yesterday.

I would thank you to inform me when the "Register" was received at your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

June 10, 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer of seventy thousand ounces additional at same rate, accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

June 10, 1890.

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted. No further offers considered until Thursday.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street
New York.

Telegram Confirmed

June 10, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand additional declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 11, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve $\frac{85}{100}$ Dollars ($23,812.$\frac{85}{100}$,) in Gold

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Coin, and Three Hundred and Fifty-seven $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars ($357.$\frac{24}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-four Thousand One Hundred and Seventy $\frac{07}{100}$ Dollars, ($24,170.$\frac{07}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum dated June 6th, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

Helena, Mont., Ten Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-six $\frac{93}{100}$ Dollars, ($10,346.$\frac{93}{100}$) Seventy $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars ($70.$\frac{48}{100}$) Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen $\frac{41}{100}$ Dollars ($10,417.$\frac{41}{100}$) Helena June 7, 1890,

June 11, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending May 31st, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 11, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated June 6, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 25 dated June 6th, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $24,235.25/100, charges $65.16/100, and net value $24,170.09/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

June 7, 1890,
No. 31
May 31, 1890, $10,442.93/100,
$25.52/100, $10,417.41/100.

June 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending May 31, 1890.

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Very respectfully
E. O. Leech,
Director.

June 11th, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:
I transmit herewith for payment the account of the Times Democrat amounting to $42. for advertising Proposals for Supplies required by your Mint and payable from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

June 11, 1890

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:
I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending May 31st, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

June 11th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:
You will please forward without delay to

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Mint U.S. San Francisco, ten pairs Silver Dollar Dies.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 11th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary expense account for the month of May I will thank you to explain item for "Cabriage hire" in bill of Geo. H. Harmstad, messenger, voucher #607. Unusual disbursements of this kind should invariably be accompanied by an explanation of the circumstances which rendered them necessary.

Your attention is also called to the various vouchers of this account covering the purchase of stationery in violation of the Regulations of the Mint service, (see article 27, par 8).

I will be pleased if you will hereafter kindly see that your necessities in this line are as nearly as practicable supplied by timely requisitions upon the Department. You can be much more economically supplied from here and the quality of the supplies kept in stock is as good, generally, as is necessary.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I send you by express to day some additional photographs of the Secretary, from which I am sure you will be able to get a good likeness of him. I would direct the attention of the engraver to the fact that in some of these pictures there is a considerable protrusion or thickening of the upper lip. He will avoid this as far as possible in the medal.

The profile view, which I have marked No. 1, was the last one taken and the one the Secretary likes least. My own judgment is that the picture which I have marked No. 2 is the best likeness of him, but it is not a profile.

You will take care of these pictures and such as you do not use please return to me.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 11, 1890.

B. Westermann & Co.

Gentlemen:

Vol. I. Handwörterbuch der Staatswesenschaften came to day. It would be well to keep a memorandum of the style you have bound it in, that you may bind the volumes yet to come uniform with it.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 11, 1890.

Margaret Maude Hamble,
609 W. Van Buren St.
Chicago, Ills.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 9th inst., relative to designs for coins I would say that no bill authorizing new designs has passed Congress, and of course, nothing can be done in the matter until a law is passed on the subject.

If a law should be passed due notice will be given to the public in regard to the action of the Department in the matter.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1890.

Telegram

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined.
Will consider offers to-morrow.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirming

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Statistical expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts
Superintendent New Orleans month
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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100000) in Gold Coin, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1890

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and five cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8201 for $362.91, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 5th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your statistical accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the above appropriation, as unexpended balance.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 12, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your statistical expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 12th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant relative to a new roof for the refinery building which I instructed you to have erected while I was in New York, you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Chas. Wolff to furnish a twenty-ounce, corrugated, cold-rolled copper roof with gutter lining and flashings of twenty-ounce, cold-rolled copper, for the sum of $2,354, and have the work done at once.

In regard to the proposed addition to the chimney, I would say that I have seen the Supervising Architect on the subject and he has promised to communicate with Colonel Marshall, Superintendent of Repairs on the subject today. If he has funds he will push the plans to completion and have the work done during the period that your institution is closed to operations.

Respectfully yours,
E. O'Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary, Refinery & Stand. Sil. Dol. Ex. accounts for the month ending May 31,

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1890; with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 12th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer, at New York:

Fourth National Bank 75,000 Ounces, at $105

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

American Exchange National Bank, 100,000 Ounces, at $105.50
Consolidated Kansas City
Smelting & Refining Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $105.25
Nesslage Colgate & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $105.40
Handy & Kohrman 100,000 Ounces, at $105.35

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communication of the 5th inst., enclosing requisition for stationery for use in your Mint for the six months ending December 31, 1890, is at hand.

Before acting upon this requisition I desire to know whether it embraces all the supplies and all kinds of stationery that will be required for your Mint during that period. It is against the law and the regulations to purchase except under government contract and the accounting officers object to passing bills for stationery in the accounts. I am very much afraid that you will have some suspensions in your accounts in this line unless you follow closely the regulations of the department.

I notice in this requisition that the items of "ink and mucilage" are not asked for. Your attention is directed to the instructions on the back of the requisition which states "as ink and mucilage cannot be shipped with safety during the winter months a full supply thereof must be ordered in the July requisition."

Your attention is also directed to the fact that the same instruction requires that the requisition shall "include a complete inventory of supplies on hand" and there is a column for that on the other side of the requisition. In this column you do not specify any ink and mucilage on hand, so that the presumption is that

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you will require some. You have sent us samples of paper for your own department and continuation sheets, so it is presumed that you have enough to last for six months, and no large printed envelopes are asked for.

You will please understand that this requisition is to cover six months supplies, and that no additional requisitions will be allowed or approved during that period except in cases of absolute necessity when it could not have been known that the items were needed.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the abstract sheets of your gold deposits for the quarter ended March 31, 1890, your attention is directed to the fact that the standard weight of deposit No. 868, assay No. 1227, should be 9.510 ounces instead of 9.450 ounces as entered on the sheets, and that the standard weight of deposit No. 870, Assay No. 1229, should be 7.150 ounces instead of 7.510 ounces as entered on the abstract sheets.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery, in connection with your Institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday replying to one from this Bureau of the 10th instant and inclosing statement of repayments made to your appropriations for Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses during the year, I have to say that the statement agrees with the account kept in this Bureau with your appropriations. It is intended to advise you promptly of repayments made from appropriations of other Mints and how to credit amounts to yours. In all bills for the manufacture of dies, the division made in your accounts has always governed, but in the case of the little bills, in question, which are naturally paid as a con-

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tingent expense, the division was not regarded as important or necessary. If, however, it in any way interferes with Cyphers book-keeping, your appropriations will hereafter be credited as indicated in the bills.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate for silver, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, at your mint, will be $1.05 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Through an oversight you were not advised at the time of the payment on the 11th of February last, of a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $11.00, for the manufacture of a set of Reeding Tools for the use of your Mint. The amount should be charged against your appropriation for Contingent Expenses 1890.

In order to determine whether any other omissions have occurred within the year I will thank you to forward a statement

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of bills paid at the Department of which you have been advised.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Official bond of George Babcock as Assayer's computing clerk of your Mint has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and filed in the office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith returned for completion please find the Official bond of Chas. J. Deering recently appointed Cashier of your mint. It will be observed that it is defective in the omission of seals, or wafers, from the names of the principal and sureties.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 12, 1890.

Hon. Joseph Wheeler,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of to-day, relative to the motto "In God we trust" upon our coins I have the honor to say that according to the records of this department it appears that the first suggestion of the recognition of the Deity on the coins of the United States was contained in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. S. P. Chase, by Rev. M. R. Watkinson, Minister of the Gospel Ridleyville, Pa., under date of November 13, 1861. This letter was referred to the Director of the Mint with the favorable endorsement of the Secretary of the Treasury, but it was found that the act of January 18, 1837, prescribed the mottoes and devices that should be placed upon the coins of the United States and so nothing could be done without legislation.

In December 1863 the Director of the Mint submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury devices for a new 3, 2 and 1 cent piece, on which it was proposed that one of the following mottoes should appear: "Our Country, Our God" "God Our Trust". The Secretary, Mr. Chase, suggested in lieu of these mottoes the one "In God we Trust."

The act changing the composition of the one cent piece and authorizing the coinage of the two cent piece, approved April 22, 1864, provided that the shape, motto and devices of the same should be fixed by the Director of the Mint with the approval

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of the Secretary of the Treasury, and it was upon the two cent piece authorized by this act that the motto "In God We Trust" first appears.

The act of March 3, 1865, provided that in addition to the legends and devices on the gold and silver coins of the United States it should be lawful for the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury to place the motto "In God We Trust" upon such coins as would admit of the inscription.

The coinage act of February 12, 1873 also provided that the Secretary of the Treasury "may cause the motto "In God We Trust" to be inscribed upon such coins as shall admit of such motto."

This is a brief history of the Motto "In God We Trust" as shown by the records of the Department.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 12, 1890.

R. G. Payment Esq.
236, Lease Cor. Grand River Aves,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th inst. relative to designs for coins, I would say that no bill authorizing new designs has passed Congress, and, of course, nothing can be done until a law is passed on the subject.

If a law should be passed due notice

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will be given to the public in regard to the action of the Department in the matter.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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B. Westermann & Co.
Gentlemen:

Please order for the Bureau of the Mint: Congrès Monétaire 7 fr. 50, Paris, Bibliothèque des annales Economiques, Place de l'Ecole de Médecine.

Respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1890.

Messrs Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your telegram making offers of Silver Bullion did not reach this Bureau until 1.20 P. M. twenty minutes late. Hereafter no offers received after 1 o'clock P. M. will be considered, and offers will only be considered upon Mondays and Thursdays of each week.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one dollar five and thirty-five hundredths cents accepted. Other declined. No further offers considered until Monday.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

To same address:

Telegram Confirmed

Your offer of fifty thousand Ounces additional declined

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Telegram Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay
#11, Wall Street
New York.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

To same address:

Telegram Confirmed

No further offers will be considered until Monday.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company
#20, Nassau Street,
New York.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Nesslage Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

June 13, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending May 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You will please state by wire on the 25th instant, the approximate amount of profits on the coinage of silver dollars on hand at your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

State by wire at close of business, fourteenth instant, amount and cost of local purchases of silver in June.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

You may deliver one million dollars in gold bars in exchange for gold coin. Instructions for the future will be given shortly.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

June 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I send you herewith a communication received from Mr. Chas. S. Platt and a copy of my reply.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have acknowledged and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts for the month ending May 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasury wants dimes. When will coinage of dimes be completed? Hurry it up. Answer by mail to day.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 13, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst. you are authorized to contract with the American Gas Furnace Co. for a bench of the Reichhelm gas melting furnaces similar to those in use in the laboratory of this bureau including a small No. 1 Melter, at a cost of $225.00.

Referring to your remark that you do not desire one of the Reichhelm furnaces being satisfied with the Fletcher gas muffle furnace now in use, I presume that you understand that when these furnaces are introduced the use of coke or coal as fuel is to be dispensed with.

In regard to payment for these goods you are informed that articles ordered prior to the close of the fiscal year can be paid for from the appropriation for this year. The bill for the goods should bear date of the contract and not of the delivery.

In case it is necessary to use a portion

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of this year's appropriation and a portion of next year's to pay for these articles, separate bills should be made covering the portion in each year and dated accordingly.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 13, 1890.

Chas. S. Platt Esq.,
4 Liberty Place, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th inst., relative to the imposition of the U. S. Assay Office in your city of a toughening charge on a deposit of gold bullion made by you, you are respectfully informed that no instructions in regard to imposing a toughening charge have been issued by me. The same regulations are in force in regard to the charges to be imposed on bullion which have been in force since January 21, 1888.

I did orally direct the attention of the Superintendent to section 9 of article 84 of the regulations which reads:

Except in the case of bullion alloyed with copper and directly suitable for the composition of standard metal, all gold bullion below .990 fine shall be subject to a parting or refining charge, and the parted metals allowed the depositor.

I hold that the intent of this regulation is that all deposits of bullion below .990 fine, which contain any base metals

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except Copper, are subject to a parting or refining Charge.
The imposition of a toughening charge upon bullion above .990 fine is a matter which lies entirely within the discretion of the Superintendent and must be decided according to the character of each deposit. If through the presence of Arsenic, antimony, lead or any base metal the bullion is brittle, a toughening charge should be imposed regardless of the quantity of gold contained.
The experience at the Mint is that the smallest quantity of these base metals causes the strips to crack at the rolls.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1890.

Robert Beall, Esq.,
495 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C.

Sir:
You will please order from Johnson & Co., Philadelphia, the four volumes of Judge Sharwoods "American Leading Cases on Real Property" (new) for the use of this Bureau.
I return the letter of Johnson & Co.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Thomas Jordan, Esq.
Editor, Financial and Mining Record,
61 Broadway, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst. requesting that all communication from this Bureau to the Financial and Mining Record be addressed to Thomas Jordan, Editor Financial and Mining Record, you are informed that your wishes in this respect will be complied with.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1890

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Denver National and First National Banks Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 14, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev, for the month ending May 31, 1890.

Please note recommendation of disallowance on abstract of disbursements.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar expense accounts for the month of May, 1890 with my approval except voucher no. 202 of the Ordinary account, bill of Justiniani Caire, in which 1008 lbs of Bicarbonate of Soda are charged in excess of the contract i. e, at $3.90 instead of $3.25 per hundred pounds.

I have recommended the difference of $6.55 to be disallowed and you will take up this amount in your next account current.

I cannot but regard the bill for Laundry work voucher #211 of this account, as excessive both in the price per dozen, charged, and

in the daily quantity of towels used which is greatly in excess of the quantity used at Philadelphia with more than five times the number of employés. I have approved the voucher but will thank you to investigate the matter and explain the cause of this seeming extravagance.

Your attention is also called to the habitual omission from your accounts of the certificates required by Sections 113-14 of article 26 of the Instructions & Regulations of the Mint service. The accounting officers will not pass your accounts unless accompanied by these certificates. I will thank you therefore to see that they are forwarded in future.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

June 14, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Denver National and First National Banks, Denver.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram confirmed.

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Supt. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

One hundred, five and one fourth cents is the correct rate for consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company's sale of one hundred thousand ounces on the twelfth instant.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

June 14, 1890.

Hon. J. D. Cameron,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator:

I beg to direct your attention to the fact that the legislative appropriation bill as passed by the House and now reported to the Senate on the 12th instant, reduces the appropriation for incidental and contingent expenses of the Mint at Philadelphia from $100,000 to $80,000.

This reduction was not recommended by the Treasury Department, and was made in the bill in the House without my knowledge.

The annual appropriation for incidental and contingent expenses of the mint at Philadelphia has been for the last eight years $100,000 while the business of the Mint has been steadily increasing.

I may say in brief that it will be impossible to purchase the supplies, fuel and other incidentals necessary for the business of the mint at Philadelphia for the sum of $80,000 a year.

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I would suggest that you see the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and have the appropriation restored.
I enclose herewith an amendment to the bill which will cover the case.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

The Secretary has addressed Mr. Allison a letter on the subject to-day.
E. O. L.

June 14, 1890.

Hon. Fred. T. Dubois
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

I beg to direct your attention to the fact that the legislative appropriation bill, as it passed the House and as reported to the Senate on the 12th inst., has reduced the appropriation "for incidental and contingent expenses, including labor," of the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, from $7,500 to $6,000.

The amount appropriated for the current fiscal year is $7,500, and the expenses of the institution have been made to conform to this amount. You will understand that all the expenses for workmen are paid from this appropriation, and the present monthly pay roll is $525.00, so that the appropriation of $6,000 for this institution will not enable the present small force employed and will allow nothing for supplies, fuel etc.

I need hardly say to you what you are well aware of, that the business of the

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Assay Office at Boise City has largely increased and that it is very economically conducted. I would suggest that you see the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations in the Senate at once on the subject and have the Appropriation restored to $7,500.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

The Secretary will write him a letter to-day on the subject.

E. O. L.

June 14, 1890.

Hon. J. C. Power,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator:

I beg to direct your attention to the fact that the legislative appropriation act reported to the Senate on the 12th inst. reduces the appropriation "for incidental and contingent expenses" of the Assay Office at Helena, Montana from $5000 to $4,000.

This reduction was not recommended by the Department and is not in keeping with the growing business of the Helena Office.

I would suggest that you see the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations in the Senate and have the appropriation restored.

I enclose herewith an amendment to the bill, intended to cover this item.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

The Secretary wrote the Chairman of the Com. to-day on the subject. E. O. L.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause the sum of Three Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Dollars ($345,000.) to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Wm. H. Dimond, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. for the month ending May 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

accounts of Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Charlotte & St. Louis

June 16, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending May 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Forward duplicate account and vouchers, retaining copy.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Pay five hundred thousand dollars in gold bars for gold coins.

Inform me when gold bars are

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wanted for shipment before paying them out, in each case.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $345,006. to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31, 1890.

Very Respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia shipped you on the 14th instant ten (10) pairs silver dollar dies. I will thank you to promptly acknowledge receipt of the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1890.

Señor Don Matias Romero,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to thank you for the statistics of the coinage and deposit of the precious metals contained in the document prepared by Javier Stavoli, covering the fiscal year 1889, which you were kind enough to send me.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

June 17th, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa. for the Quarter ending Mch. 31st 1890 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts
San Francisco Month May 31, 1890,

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June 17, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending May 31, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram Confirmed

June 17, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred, six and one half cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram

June 17, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Loomis and Wheeler did not receipt their bills for travelling. Forward receipts immediately.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Mr. H. C. Stier of the Office of the First Auditor of the Treasury Department, has been instructed to superintend the annual settlement, at your mint at the close of the present fiscal year, and to weigh the Bullion and coin in your possession.

You will afford him all necessary facilities and assistance for the prompt performance of the duties entrusted to him.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

According to the information contained in your letter of the 14th instant you are hereby authorized to have prepared in your city one book-keeper's Ledger at a cost of $14.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

This will be handed to you by Mr. B. F. Butler, Computer of Bullion in this Bureau, who has been instructed to superintend the annual settlement of your mint, at the close of the present fiscal year, and to make an examination of the amount of public money in your possession, and perform such other duties as I have instructed him. You will please afford him the necessary facilities and assistance for the prompt execution of the duties entrusted to him.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 17, 1890.

The Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

This will be handed to you by Mr. F. P. Gross and W. E. Morgan, of this bureau, who have been instructed to superintend the annual settlement of your institution and to make an accurate examination of the amount of public money in your possession.

You will please afford them all necessary facilities and assistance for the prompt execution of these duties.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Confirmed

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Telegraph 5 days London price for Silver.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the quarter ending March 31, 1890, is herewith returned for correction.

Profits of Medals and Proof Coins should be $186.21, instead of $713.06 - See Dept. Letter May 7th, - error of $2.00, regarding this account Expense of distributing U. S. Dolls., Transportation should be $4,541.00 instead of $4,541.32 - disallowed on Shipments per "Tionesta" Dec. 7, 1889, .04¢. Dec. 24th, .04¢, Jany 25, 1890 - .04¢; Feby 12, - .04¢; per "Tidioute" Dec., 24th, 1889, .08¢ Feby 10, 1890, .08¢ - Total .32¢.

Please return the enclosed Statement.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

June 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you two $5.00 gold pieces which seem to have been filed. You will please send the value of them by

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check to me payable to the order of W. H. H. Cowles. Mr. Cowles is a member of Congress from North Carolina, and these coins have been sent by one of his constituents.

Of course you will remit only what they are actually worth.

Very) respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This will be handed to you by Messrs Whitehead and Kassan of this bureau, who have been instructed to be present and Superintend the annual settlement at your Mint at the close of the fiscal year, and to weigh and count the bullion and coin in the possession of the Mint and perform such other duties as I have instructed them.

You will please afford them the necessary facilities and assistance for the prompt execution of the duties entrusted to them.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June, 17th 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery

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at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Zimmermann & Forshay 150,000 Ounces, at $1.0570

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion accounts for the quarter ending Mch. 31st 1890, with my approval except the item of 82¢ overpaid Express Co. for transportation of $ $. Dolls. which I recommend be disallowed.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, at your mint, will be one hundred, six and one half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

My attention has been called to the very large laundry bill contained in your last Ordinary Expense account, Voucher #1472 for $94.00 and by referring to previous accounts I find they habitually run up to $75.00 and upwards. Upon comparison with other institutions these bills are out of all proportion as at New Orleans where no Char-or Scrub-women are employed, and with a force approximating your own, the bills average about $15.00 per month, while at the Mint at the Mint at Philadelphia they are still less. The bills for laundry purposes of this Department average about $185.00 per month, but this is for a force of Officials, clerks and employés in excess of 2800 persons.
The price paid at this Department for laundry purposes is $1.00 per hundred pieces.
I have approved your accounts for the month of May including this voucher, but direct your attention to the matter of laundry with instructions to reduce the expenditure as far as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech
Director.

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June 17, 1890.

Messrs. Cabell Whitehead and A. A. Hassan,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

You are authorized and directed to proceed to Philadelphia before the close of the present fiscal year for the purpose of superintending the annual settlement between the operative officers and the superintendent of the Mint in that city. You will be present at the deliveries in settlement by the melter and refiner and coiner, and note the character and quantity of the various classes of bullion delivered, and ascertain the amount of precious metals wasted by each during the year. If the wastage should be unusual or excessive you will ascertain as far as practicable the causes thereof. You will weigh the coin and bullion in the possession of the superintendent except such silver dollars as are stored away under the joint seal of representatives of the Treasurer of the United States, the Director of the Mint and the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. These dollars will not be disturbed and the seals upon the vault in which they are stored will not be broken, but you will report as on hand the amount of silver dollars embraced in the certificate under seal, on the vault in which these dollars are stored. Of course, if the seals have been broken or you have reason to believe that the vault has been opened since it

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was sealed, you will open the vault and reweigh the coin contained in it.

It will not be necessary to weigh the gold bars received from the Assay Office at New York, about $6,000,000 in value, which are in a cage in the weigh Clerk's vault under the seal of Mr. R. E. Preston of this Bureau, unless the seal has been broken or tampered with, or you have reason to believe that the interests of the public service require these bars to be reweighed.

You will report the quantity and value of these bars on hand as covered by the certificate on the cage.

You will make an accurate count of all the other moneys in the possession of the Superintendent for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has on hand the amount of public money with which he is charged.

You will make any further examinations as to the business or condition of the Mint, its apparatus, machinery and appliances as you may think necessary.

You will render a report in writing of your examination of the Mint.

Your actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of these duties will be paid upon presentation of your accounts with proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director.

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H. C. Stier, Esq
Office of the First Auditor,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are authorized and instructed to proceed to Carson City, Nevada, for the purpose of being present at the deliveries in settlement between the operative officers and the Superintendent of the Mint at that city at the close of the present fiscal year.

You will note the character and quantity of the various classes of bullion delivered, and ascertain the amount of the precious metals wasted by each officer during the year. If the wastage should be unusual or excessive you will ascertain, as far as practicable, the causes thereof.

You will weigh all the coin and bullion in the possession of the Superintendent for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has in his possession the amount of public money with which he is charged.

Upon the completion of your duties at Carson you will proceed to San Francisco and superintend the annual settlement between the operative officers and the Superintendent of the Mint in that city.

You will be present at the deliveries in settlement and, as in the case of the Carson Mint, note the character and quantity of the various classes of bullion delivered in settlement, and ascertain the amount

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of precious metals wasted by the melter and refiner and coiner during the year, and if the wastage of either officer should be unusual or excessive you will ascertain as far as practicable the causes thereof.

You will also weigh the coin in the possession of the Superintendent except such silver dollars as are stored away in vaults, under the seal of the representative of this bureau. These dollars will not be disturbed and the seals will not be broken, and you will report as on hand the amount called for by the certificates under seal, on the doors of the vaults where the coin is stored.

You will ascertain whether the Superintendent has in his possession the amount of public money with which he is charged.

You will render a separate report on your return of your examination of each of the institutions visited.

Your actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of the duties will be paid upon the presentation of your account with proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Messrs. J. P. Gross and W. E. Morgan
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

You are authorized and instructed to proceed to the city of New York, before the close of the present fiscal year, for the purpose of being present at the annual settlement of the Melter and Refiner of the Assay Office in that city with the Superintendent.

You will note the character and quantity of the various classes of bullion delivered in settlement and ascertain the amount of precious metals wasted during the year. If the wastage of the Melter and Refiner should be unusual or excessive you will ascertain, as far as practicable, the causes thereof. Should he return a surplus of bullion you will ascertain as nearly as possible upon what sources the same was derived.

Upon the completion of the settlement you will weigh the bullion in the possession of the Superintendent and make an accurate examination of the quantity of bars of gold and silver and other moneys which he has in his possession for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has on hand the amount of public money with which he is charged.

Upon the completion of your duties you will render to me a Report in writing of your examination.

Your actual and necessary expenses

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while engaged in the performance of these duties will be paid upon presentation of your accounts with proper vouchers.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 17, 1890.

Mr. B. F. Butler,
Bureau of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are authorized and directed to proceed to New Orleans for the purpose of superintending the annual settlement between the operative officers and the Superintendent of the Mint of that city, about the close of the present fiscal year.

You will be present at the deliveries in settlement by the melter and refiner and coiner and note the character and quantity of the various classes of bullion delivered, and ascertain the amount of the precious metals wasted by each during the year. If the wastage should be unusual or excessive you will ascertain, as far as practicable, the causes thereof. You will weigh the coin and bullion in the possession of the Superintendent and ascertain whether he has in his possession the amount of public money with which he is charged.

You will make any further examination into the business or methods of the Mint at New Orleans, the condition of the building apparatus and machinery that you may deem proper

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You will render a report in writing of your examination of the mint. Your actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of these duties will be paid upon presentation of your account with proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 17, 1890.

W. J. Dealy Esq.
Western Union Telegraph Company.
New York.

Sir:

About 11.30 A. M. we received your cable giving the London price of Silver as 48 3/4 pence, steady and about 3 P. M. another cable making the correction and giving the price as 48 3/8 pence steady.

In the meantime the department had made transactions based upon the first cable received which would not have been the case had the correct price been given. It is of the utmost importance that these cables should be correct and I have to request that every care should be taken to insure the correct rate. If similar error should occur in future, prompt measures will be taken to secure the London quotation for Silver through other channels.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

June 17, 1890.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one dollar, five and seventenths cents, per ounce fine, accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

2 Similar telegrams, except as here noted, to same address:

fifty thousand ounces additional

fifty thousand ounces additional

No further offers considered until Thursday.

June 18, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst. I would say that the Treasury Department has contracts for carpets, chairs and furniture, and if you will inform me promptly what articles you need in this line I will have them purchased under the Treasury contract and shipped to you.

Requisitions for carpets must be accompanied by diagrams of the floors, showing all projections (such as radiators, fire-places

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pilasters and file cases not movable) and giving the exact measurements of spaces to be covered. The kind of carpets wanted should be stated.
If you will make this requisition so that the supplies may be ordered before the end of the fiscal year they can be paid for from the current year's appropriations.
In regard to the purchase of a type-writer I would say that the correspondence of your office is not in my judgment sufficient to warrant the purchase of an instrument at this time.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Confidential

June 18, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Sir:
Referring to your dispatches relative to the exportation of gold bars I would say to you confidentially that the Secretary has submitted the question of the construction of the Act of May 26, 1882, to the Attorney General as to two points: first whether we can refuse to furnish bars, and second, as to whether we can impose a bar charge.
As soon as the matter is decided I will give you definite instructions as to your future course. The Secretary will be absent from the city until Saturday so that nothing will be done before that day. In the meantime, until you have definite instructions you will continue to report by telegraph the

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demands for bars before paying them out for shipment.
I will thank you to ascertain, as far as practicable, the destination of each lot of bars paid out and to inform me by letter of the name of the banker shipping them and any particulars in regard to the transaction which you think of interest to the Department.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 18, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Pay five hundred thousand dollars in gold bars for shipment.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

To same address:

Telegram Confirmed

Pay one hundred thousand dollars in gold bars in gold bars in exchange for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

To same address:

Telegram Confirmed

Pay one hundred and fifty thousand in gold bars, making seven-hundred and fifty thousand authorized to-day.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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June 18, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing bids for twelve (12) barrels Superintendents Sweeps, is received. Your acceptance of the bid of the Chicago and Aurora Smelting and Refining Company, viz: $858.- is approved. The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith memorandum of gold bullion, shipment No. 26, from the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for correction as indicated in pencil. Please cause the correction to be made, and the memorandum returned without delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed.

June 18, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

No offers considered until Thursday.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 19, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows: $20,000.- with Asst. Trs. at New York and 5,000.- with Commercial National Bank at Charlotte.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary) Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, I. T., for the month ending May 31st, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending May 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 19, 1890.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, ($25000.-) and that $20,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and $5,000 with Commercial National Bank at Charlotte.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar, five and one half cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 19, 1890.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and six cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

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June 19th 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Ascertain the amount of gold imported and exported at the port of New York this month, and the amount of Silver Bullion imported and exported.
Send me the information by mail today.

E. O. Leech
Director.

June 19, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Pay two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold bars.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:
Please forward your Statements of Deposits and Purchases (Forms 60, 61 & 61½) for month of May.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 60000 Ounces, at $1.0580

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman	100,000 Ounces, at	$1.05560
Zimmermann & Forshay	50,000 Ounces, at	$1.05625
American Exchange National Bank	150,000 Ounces, at	$1.05625

June 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday, relative to profits on medals and proof coins for the quarter ended March 31, 1890, you

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are respectfully informed that the gross profits for the quarter, as shown by your medal fund account, amounted to $415.06, in addition to which you received $46.65 as charges for mounting and expressage making the total profits of the quarter $461.71. Of this amount you paid for mounting and expressage $1.50 and for 1,000 pounds of copper $225.00, a total expenditure of $226.50, making the net profits of the quarter $185.21, which amount you will enter on your statement of Earnings and Expenditures as the profits on medals and proof coins for the quarter.

You will understand that this is an account with "profits" only, and that any payment from it for any purpose, reduces the profits just so much, so that the idea of scattering the cost of the copper over different quarters is utterly impracticable. The profits in your accounts were reduced by the exact amount paid for the copper, and as it has not been the practice to exhibit the expenditures from your medal fund account on the statement of earnings and Expenditures you will see at once that it is absolutely necessary, that the net profits each quarter should appear under the earnings, and not the gross profits.

I would further say, that the profits for each quarter as entered on your statement of Earnings and Expenditures must agree exactly with your medal fund account for that quarter, and previous or future quarters are not to be taken into consideration at all.

You will enter quarterly the net earnings

as shown in your medal fund account as the profits on medals and proof coins in your quarterly statement of earnings and expenditures.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

June 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your mint, will be one dollar, five, and one half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1890.

M. H. Cobb Esq.
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday relative to entering the net profits on Recoinage, I would say that your views on the subject meet with my concurrence, as expressed to you orally and to your bookkeeper, and the accounts should show as a balance the net profit each quarter that is to say any loss should be taken up before the actual profit is declared so that the actual profit will be the net profit.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech, Director.

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June 19, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

June 19, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces additional declined. No further offers considered until Monday).

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

June 19, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one dollar, five and six tenths cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

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Telegram
Confirmed

June 19, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces additional declined. No further offers considered until Monday.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed.

June 19, 1890.

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 20, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boise City National Bank.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-four Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-eight 82/100 Dollars ($24,968.82/100) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and eight 50/100 Dollars ($408.50/100) in Silver Coin making a total of Twenty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-seven 32/100 Dollars ($25,377.32/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 26 dated June 13, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

U. S. Mint at Denver, $

Thirty-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-four 60/100 Dollars ($36,964.60/100)
Four Hundred and Fifty-four 42/100 Dollars ($454.42/100)
Thirty-seven Thousand Four Hundred and Nineteen 02/100 Dollars ($37,419.02/100)

Mint at Denver
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June 20, 1890

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City,

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 26, dated June 13, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 26 dated June 7, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $25,445.17/100, Charges $67.85/100, and net value $25,377.32/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

No. 29 June 16, 1890

Shipment No. 29 June 12, 1890

$37,574.45/100, $95.43/100,

$37,419.02/100

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June 20, 1890

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boise City National Bank.

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and four cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Sup't. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sup't. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of Silver at your Mint in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, will be one hundred and four cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your statement of Silver delivered by Handy & Harman on their sale of the 10th instant gives the amount as 100,184.80 ounces, value $107,187.73, while at $1.07 per ounce, the value should be $107,197.74. The Statement is herewith returned for correction.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 21, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1890

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 21, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the account of the "Evening Bulletin" of San Francisco for advertising for proposals for supplies that will be required by your mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, amounting to $25.93, which sum is payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1890.

Hon. E. N. Morrill,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of Mr. Wilkinson, herewith returned, in regard to his boy, I would say that the pressure for metallurgical positions in the mints is very great, and there are, of course, a great many applicants well qualified for the positions who are disappointed.

As a rule it is not the practice of the mint service to change persons skilled in metallurgical science, such as assaying, refining etc. so that but few vacancies occur in this branch of the service.

When vacancies do occur appointments are made by the Superintendents in charge upon the recommendations of the public men from the state in

which the institution is located.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1890.

F. W. Cushman Esq.
Bassett, Nebraska.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant you are informed that the proportion of metal contained in the coins of the United States is as follows:- gold coins, 900 parts of gold and 100 parts of copper.- Silver coins, 900 parts of silver and 100 parts of copper. The five and three cent nickel pieces are composed of 75 per cent of copper and 25 per cent of nickel. The one cent bronze piece contains 95 per cent of copper and 5 per cent of tin and zinc.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1890.

Wm. H. Oliver, Esq.,
Aetna Insurance Co. of Hartford,
Newbern, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th inst., relative to designs for coins, I would say that no bill authorizing new designs has passed Congress, and of course, nothing can be done in the matter until a law is passed on the subject.

If a law should be passed due notice

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will be given to the public in regard to the action of the Department in the matter.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

John R. Chapin, Esq.,
Odell Mills,
Dorchester, Mass.

June 23, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find enclosures sent with your letter of the 17th instant. The receipts for advances made to these parties will not be considered as vouchers by the accounting officers. The better way will be to wait until you can get the regular receipts from the gentlemen for their travelling expenses. I have arranged for the holding of the account but it will be well to forward the receipts at the earliest practicable moment.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me when you will be able to commence the deliveries in settlement. I purpose sending representatives of this bureau to conduct the settlement and make a count and examination of the Office.

I would like to know definitely when you will be ready for them to commence work.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Is it the practice at your institution to continue the exchange of bars for coin during the annual examination and count? Please inform me on this point so that I can give you instructions to discontinue it for that period if it would interfere in any way with the count.

Are you still receiving deposits, and do you suspend at any time the deposits during the settlement?

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

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June 23d 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

J. & W. Seligman & Co. 135,000 Ounces, at $1.0490

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me when you will be able to commence the deliveries in settlement. I purpose sending representatives of this bureau to conduct the settlement and make a count and examination of the Mint.

I would like to know definitely when you will be ready for them to commence work.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

For the enclosed draft in your favor on Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia for $85.73, please send me per registered mail, three silver and minor coin proof sets, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have instructed Mr. H. G. Stier, the gentleman who examins mint accounts in the First Auditor's Office to proceed to San Francisco and superintend the annual settlement and count at your mint. He will stop at Carson and expects to reach San Francisco by the end of this month. You will please have everything in readiness for him to make the settlement when he arrives.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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A. J. Ralston Esq.
Pres't. Selby Smelting and Lead Co.
416 Montgomery St.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 17th inst. relative to allowing you to deposit fine gold bars, during the course of the annual settlement and count at the Mint, I would say that I have received no letter from the Superintendent on the subject and consequently cannot act in the premises until I do.
It is a matter that I should leave largely to his discretion, and shall be guided by his recommendation in the case.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 23, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company
#20 Nassau Street
New York.

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

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Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer of twenty five thousand ounces declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director Mint.

June 23, 1890

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred and four and eight tenths received too late and is declined. No further offers considered.
E. O. Leech, Director Mint.

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June 24, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit a certificate from Dr. Hutton the physician in charge of the Garfield Memorial Hospital in this City informing me that Mr. John J. Shirley a Clerk of Class one in this Bureau, has been a patient in that hospital since April 21 and is now convalescing from typhoid fever and that probably he will not be able to resume his duties under eight or ten weeks.

In accordance with Department circular No. 30, I have the honor to recommend that a substitute be appointed in place of Mr. Shirley until such time as he may return at a compensation at the rate of $700 per annum.

I would say that Mr. Shirley is engaged upon mathematical work involving the computation of the value of deposits at the Mints and assay offices and I would respectfully request that the substitute employed be a male and one qualified to do mathematical work.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-five 23/100 Dollars, ($23,135.23/100) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Three 7/100 Dollars ($203.7/100) in Silver Coin making a total of Twenty-three Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-nine 84/100 Dollars ($23,339.84/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City as shown by Memorandum No. 27 dated June 20, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 24, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 27, dated June 20, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 27 dated June 14, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $23,397.48/100, charges $57.64/100, and net value $23,339.84/100. For

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the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to have prepared and forwarded to this bureau a complete and itemized statement of the bullion deposits and purchases made at your mint from January 1, 1887 to the end of the present fiscal year, with the names of the depositors and sellers.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 24, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Daily Picayune" of New Orleans for advertising for proposals for supplies that will be required by your mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, amounting to $33.60 which sum is payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint for the current

fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Certainly not, except large purchases made by the Treasury.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 24 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, transmitting the awards made by you for furnishing supplies that will be required by your mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, you are informed that the following awards are approved, viz.

D. Marsicano: —— Rock Salt at $9.- per ton.

John Taylor: —— Fire Clay Crucibles " $3.- " doz.
Muffles " 7.75 " "
Mattresses " 2.25 " "

Steiger & Kerr: —— Iron Castings in green sand, dry sand & loam, (including) chilled rolls, at a general rate of 5¢ per pound

J. J. Bagg & Co.
Sperm oil, pure at 75¢ per gallon
Castor oil " " $1.10 " "

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Boiled Linseed oil at 70¢ per gallon
Benzine " 16¢ " "
Black Asphaltum Varnish " 55¢ " "
Tallow (refined) 4¢ " pound.

Daniel Giovannini.
Charcoal at $15.91 per ton of 2000 pounds.

D. Samuel.
Filtering Cloth 7/4 Pequot at 23 3/4¢ per yd.
" " 8/4 " " 18 3/4¢ " "
Brown Drill 7/4 Pepperell " 43/4¢ " "
Stark Duck (7/8) " 10 3/4¢ " "
No. 10 Woodbury Duck " 18 3/4¢ " "
Crash Toweling " 11¢ " "
Blankets (3½ lbs.) " $1.40 " pair.

Pacific Gas Improvement Company:
Gas at $2.00 per 1000 cubic feet.

Huntington Hopkins Company:
Borax (refined) at 7¼¢ per pound
Lace Leather " $2.25 " side
Sheet Lead " 7¢ " pound
Lead Pipe " 6¢ " "
House Brooms " $3.50 " dozen
Cedar Pails, gal. hoops " 2.75 " "
Refined Iron " 3¢ " pound
Norway Iron " 5¢ " "
Cotton Waste " 10¢ " "

Thomas Morton:
English Cannel Coal " $9.30 per ton.

Golden City Chemical Works:
C.P. Nitric Acid " 18¢ per pound
C.P. Sulphuric Acid " 18¢ " "
C.P. Muriatic Acid " 18¢ " "
Nitric Acid 38° Baumé " 7 1/3¢ " "
Sulphuric Acid 63° Baumé " 2 1/3¢ " "
" " 66° Baumé " 3 1/3¢ " "

P.A. McDonald. " S.F. Coke 39¢ per 100 pounds.

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Wm. P. Fuller Jr.:

Potash (Babbitts)	at	$3.50 per case
Lard Oil (pure)	"	62½¢ " gallon
Coal Oil, 110°	"	17¢ " "
" " 150°	"	20¢ " "
Turpentine	"	56¢ " "
Alcohol	"	$2.20 " "
White Lead in Oil	"	5 3/4 " pound
Litharge	"	6 1/4¢ " "
Pure yellow Beeswax	"	27 1/2¢ " "

The Harvey Hinna Company:

Hand Brushes	at	$6.00 per dozen
Floor Brooms	"	8.50 " "
Turkey Dusters	"	8.00 " "
Carriage Turkey Dusters	"	10.00 " "
Carriage Ostrich Dusters	"	27.22 " "
Shoe Brushes	"	8.00 " "
Whisk Brooms	"	2.30 " "
Combination Mops and Brush Handles	"	1.50 " "
Bristle Dust Brushes	"	3.35 " "
" " "	"	4.35 " "
" " "	"	6.25 " "
Scrub Brushes	"	3.35
Large Rubber Squilgees	"	9.00
Oak Pails	"	7.50
Paper Pairs	"	3.50
12 lb. Cotton Mops	"	2.40
18 lb. " "	"	3.60

Levi Strauss:

Indian Head Muslin	at	8¢ per yard
Ashland Muslin	"	4½ " "
Russia Crash	"	8½ " "

Phoenix Manufacturing Company:

Black Lead Stirrers	at	$3.00 per dozen
Black Lead Crucibles, Nos. 14 and up.	"	2.15 " 100 Nos.
Black Lead Covers Nos. 14 and 16	"	85¢ " " "

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Mack & Co.:

Corrosive Sublimate	@ 84¢	per pound
Bone Ash (fine)	" 2¾¢	" "
Muriate of Ammonia	" 13¢	" "
Nitre (double refined)	" 8½¢	" "
Brimstone	" 2.3¼¢	" "
Rosin	" 4¢	" "
Ammonia (conc. vol.)	" 15¢	" "
White Castile Soap	" 9¢	" "
Toilet Soap	" $1.00	" dozen
48 B. C. Twine	" 21¢	" pound

James G. Allen:

Black Lead Crucibles #8, 10 & 12	at $2.75	per 100 Nos.
" " " #4, 5 & 6	" 3.75	" " "
" " Covers #18 and up	" 65¢	" " "
" " " #10 & 12	" $1.15	" " "
" " " #8	" 1.30	" " "
" " " #4, 5 & 6	" 1.50	" " "
" " Dippers	" 3.00	" dozen
" " " (large)	" 3.40	" "

John C. Wilson:

Oak Wood	at $ 7.87	per cord
Red Wood	" 6.24	" "
" " (Split)	" 6.24	" "
West Hartley Coal	" 9.38	" ton
Cumberland Coal	" 13.39	" "
English Coke	" 13.39	" "

Baruch & Newman

Dog-skin Driving Gloves	@ 13.50	per dozen
Mens' Rubber Gauntlets	" 22.00	" "

F. G. Conklin:

Buck Gloves - (driving)	@ 11.50	per dozen
" (ladies)	" 11.50	" "

The award to F. G. Conklin of Buck Gloves 8 x x x x at $14.00 per dozen is not approved for the reason that there are other lowen

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bidders for these gloves viz: B. Blumenthal & Co. at $13.50 per dozen; Barnch & Newman at $13.50; D. Samuels at $13.60 and Raymond Squire & Co., at $13.75. The contract should have been given to the lowest bidder unless there are some satisfactory reasons furnished.

I have not approved the award for copper for the reason that I believe copper can be purchased at lower rates in the open market.

The award for Wilkesbarre Anthracite Coal (Screened) at $16.00 per ton to John C. Wilson is disapproved for the reason that it is not believed that the additional cost of this coal over and above the cost of the coal previously used would be justifiable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Globe-Democrat" of St. Louis, for advertising for proposals for supplies that will be required for your office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, amounting to $24.60 which sum is payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your office for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant in reference to bid of the Phoenix Manufacturing Company for Clay Muffles, you are informed that the bid should be rejected, unless the Company is willing to furnish them at the rate named for the original bid.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1890.

Hon. W. W. Thomas, jr.,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Stockholm, Sweden.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the very valuable reports transmitted by you on the 6th inst., under instructions from the Department of State, relative to the coinage, production and movement of the precious metals in the Kingdoms of Sweden and Norway, during the calendar year 1889.

I beg to express the thanks of the Department for the care and promptness which you have exercised in the preparation of these reports.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1890.

Messrs. James Walsh & Son.
#5 Wall Street
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant you are informed that mutilated and uncurrent United States silver coin is purchased at the Mints and paid for at the price fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint for silver contained in gold deposits. At present the price is ninety cents per ounce standard.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1890.

Messrs. Nesslage Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, you are informed that Mexican silver dollars are received by the Mint at New Orleans on account of purchases of silver without charge.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1890.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of A. W. Smyth, Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, La. the sum of One Hundred and Twenty five Thousand Dollars ($125,000.-) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont. for the month ending May 31, 1890 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your mint during the Month of May, 1890 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 25, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending May 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 26, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $125,000.- to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant enclosing the schedule of proposals for supplies that will be required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, the following awards made by you are approved, viz:

Cooper & Co.

Acid acetic, C. P.	@	7¢ per pound
" Muriatic, C. P.	"	10¢ " "
" Nitric, C. P.	"	11¢ " "
" Ammonia	"	9¢ " "
Bone ash - Meller & Refiners' Dep't	"	5 1/2¢ " "
Nitrate Soda	"	2 1/4¢ " "

Eimer & Amend

Acid oxalic, C. P.	@	29¢ per pound
Crucibles, French, with covers	"	$2.88 " dozen
Filtering Paper	"	4.30 " lot

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Eimer & Amend (Continued)

Assay Muffles	@ $1.20	each

Gridley & Co.

Acid, Sulphuric	@ 85¢	per 100 lbs.
Acid, for waste	" 16¢	" " "

Voland & Van Zelm.

Adjusting weights.	" $40.-	per annum

C. H. Pleasants.

Alcohol	@ $2.16	per gallon
Bottles, Silver Solution	" 28.00	" gross
Crucibles, Sand	" 11¢	each
Flasks, glass	" $10.00	per gross
Lead, White	" 6 49/100¢	" lb.
Oil, linseed	" 68¢	" gallon
Oil, raw linseed	" 65¢	" "
Soda, bi-carbonate	" 5¼¢	" lb.
Turpentine	" 47¢	" gallon
Varnish, Japan	" 67¢	" "
Cotton Waste	" 8¢	" lb.

Theo. H. Choicenor

Barrels	" 39¢	each

Preston Fertilizer Company.

Bone Ash, Assay Department	" 6¢	per lb.

H. J. Baker & Co.

Boray	" 9⅛¢	" lb.
Nitrate Soda	" 2½¢	" "

Rowland & Robbins.

Brooms, Common	" $2.90	per dozen
" Whisk	" 1.50	" "
Brushes, Scrub	" 2.00	" "
" Whitewash	" 6.80	" "
" dust	" 2.90	" "
Burlaps	" 7.50	" yard
Flax Duck	" 39½¢	" "
Matches, Gates blue	" 79¢	" gross
Nails, iron	" $2.60	" Keg.

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Rowland A. Robbins (continued)

Pails, common	@	$1.75 per dozen
" cedar	"	27.00 " "
Salt	"	2.90 " bag
Sapolio	"	4.95 " box
Soap, ivory	"	7.25 " "
" Colgates best brown	"	6.15 " "
Shovels, iron	"	9.37 " dozen

Walker & Son.

Charcoal lumps	"	35¢ " lb.

A. Barber's Son.

Coal, hard	"	$5.10 per gross ton.

Hendricks Bros.

Copper Reduction Plates	"	13 45/100¢ per lb.

Jas. Macbeth & Co.

Oil, paraffine	"	12¢ " gallon
" lard	"	50¢ " "

Phoenix Manufacturing Company.

Crucibles, B.L.	@	14½¢ per No.
Covers, B.L.	"	1½d each
Dippers, B.L.	"	19¢ "
Stirrers, B.L.	"	16⅔¢ "

Knickerbocker Ice Company.

Ice	@	50¢ per 100 lbs.

Colwell Lead Company.

Lead, sheet	@	5¼d per lb.
" pipe	"	5½¢ " "
" Old Lead	"	3¾¢ " "

Watson Machine Company.

Iron Castings	@	3¾¢ per lb.
Iron Kettles	"	3¾¢ " "
Iron Moulds	"	3¾¢ " "
Furnace Bars	"	3¾¢ " "

J. B. Morrell & Co.

Nails, copper	@	$25.00 per Kg.

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J. Friedenstein

Spelter @ 5 65/100 ¢ per lb.

National Chemical Wood Treatment Company.

Tinderwood @ 30¢ per sack.

Goodyear Rubber Company.

Rubber Gloves, long acid special @ $39.- per dozen
" " " " standard " $39.- per dozen less 25% & 10%
" " short " special " $31.- " "
" Boots, crack proof @ list price less 20%
" " standard " " " " 30%

Garret E. Green.

Lumber: yellow pine, planed @ $33.- per M feet
" white " " " 65.- " " "
" " " rough " 62.50 " " "
" shelving, extra " 35 " " "
" " common " 28 " " "
" spruce scantling " 24 " " "

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

June 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Forward statement number sixty for May, to-day, or if it cannot be prepared forward a statement showing the deposits of United States gold and silver coin during that month.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram confirmed

June 25th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

If it can be done without seriously inconvenienceing your business, pay for gold deposit of Spanish pesetas made by Bank of Montreal to-day. If the deposit is paid for it must be carried into this years accounts.

E. O. Leech, Director.

June 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury received a dispatch to-day from W. Watson and A. Lang agents of the Bank of Montreal, in New York, requesting payment for their deposit of Spanish 25-peseta pieces valued at $1,150,000 before Jan. 1st. This is a very large deposit of coin and I thought proper to deviate from the usual rule in regard to it and instructed you, if it would not seriously inconvenience your business, to pay the value of it at once.

As no partial payment can appear in your accounts, in case this deposit is paid for you will embrace it in your accounts for the current quarter. If this can be done without serious trouble I think, under the circumstances, it would be well to make an exception in this case.

I have given you instructions to-day by mail which will govern you for the remainder of this month.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to the abstract sheets of gold deposits at your institution during the quarter ended March 31, 1890 I find a number of gold deposits of coin - American coin - upon which no melting charge has been imposed among them I may mention receipts Nos. 3,136, 3,147, 3,152, 3,153, 3,172, 3,187.

Your attention is directed to section 1 of Article 4 of the regulations, which requires a melting charge on all deposits except mutilated United States coin.

Unless these deposits and all others upon which no melting charge is imposed, are deposits of United States gold coin a melting charge should be imposed.

I have had some doubt as to whether these deposits were United States coin for the reason that the fineness ran considerably below .900 our standard, and in many cases as low as .899.

Please inform me on this point.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 24th inst., relative to the annual settlement,

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you are informed that representatives from this bureau will be at your institution on the morning of Friday the 27th inst. for the purpose of commencing the annual count and settlement.

You are hereby instructed to discontinue the receipt of deposits for any purpose after that date until the settlement is completed, and to discontinue the exchange of bars for coin for any purpose during the period of the settlement.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 25, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th inst. relative to the annual settlement I would say that you should have closed for the receipt of deposits before the 26th inst. in order that all the deposits might pass through the acid refinery and be delivered in proper shape at the close of the fiscal year.

The practice in the mint at San Francisco is to close about the 14th of June, and in the New York assay office they close to the receipt of silver deposits on the 2nd inst.

Allowing deposits to be received to so late a date as the 26th inst. necessitates passing through the accounts of the melter and refiner a large quantity of bullion which has never

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been operated upon, besides embarassing and delaying a complete and satisfactory settlement.

You will receive no deposits after the receipt of this letter of any kind until after the close of the annual settlement except deliveries of fine bars of silver upon purchases made by the Treasury Department. Local purchases in lots of less than 10,000 ounces will be suspended at your Mint until after the close of the annual settlement.

You will please have everything in readiness tomorrow for the representatives of this bureau to commence weighing.

It is much better that they should finish the deliveries in settlement before touching the coin, but I infer from your letter that this is impracticable.

I will say that the vault containing the silver dollars under the joint seal of representatives of the Treasurer of the United States the Director of the Mint and the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia is not to be disturbed and the seals are not to be broken.

The gold bars from the New York Assay Office in the cage in the weigh clerk's room, under the seal of Mr. Preston are not to be weighed or disturbed provided the seals have not been broken or tampered with.

All other bullion and coin in the mint will be weighed.

You will please utilize your force of workmen so as to afford the representatives of this bureau every facility for the prompt execution of their duties.

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If practicable I would suggest that you detail Captain Robbinson from his present duties to take charge of this work and boss the gangs who will do the handling of the coin and other material

You will please instruct the operative officers to prepare at once for the annual settlement especially the coiner whom you will instruct to finish his monthly allotment at the earliest possible moment and get his material in shape for delivery in settlement.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the results of the tests of silver dollars coined at your mint during the month of May, and sent this bureau for special assay your attention is directed to the extreme lightness of one of the pieces from delivery No. 99 which weighed only 411.15 grains or only .15 of a grain above the legal limit of tolerance.

You will please take such steps as you may deem necessary to insure a more uniform weight.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

No lights should be sent to the adjusters that vary more than one grain. E.O.L.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the results of the tests of the silver dollars coined at your mint during the month of May, and sent this bureau for special assay, your attention is directed to the wide variation in the fineness of the different pieces, ranging from 898.5 to 902.2.

The tests would indicate lack of uniformity in the melts for ingots.

You will please take such steps as you may deem necessary to insure a more uniform product.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition for stationery for six months ending Dec. 31, 1890, received this morning, I fail to find samples of headed letter and note paper, envelopes "granulation," # 10½ and #9.

Please attach samples and return promptly.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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B. F. Martin, Esq.
Melter and Refiner,
U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th inst. I would say that it is not the practice of the Department to release bondsmen, and no exception will be made in the case of Mr. Mc. Collin.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 25th, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Bank of Montreal,
New York, N. Y.

Have telegraphed Superintendent of Assay Office that if it can be done without inconveniencing his business to pay you the value of your gold deposit of to-day.

E. O. Leech
Director.

June 26, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treas-

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-urer of the U. S. at New York by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 26, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Wm. H. Dimond Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco the sum of One Hundred and fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount. I have also to request that the Superintendent be advised by wire of the deposit and transfer.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

Samuel C. Wright Carson Nev.
Thirty-five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.-)

June 26, 1890.

Hon. Wm. Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant stating that it was desirable to procure

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for the Life Saving Service, Medal cases of better quality than heretofore furnished, I have the honor to transmit herewith for your inspection six sample cases from three different manufacturers.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in your name, the sum of $25,000.- on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$160,000.-

June 26th 1890

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant relative to deposits of gold by the Haile Gold Mine, you are informed that all bullion below .990 fine is subject to a parting or refining charge, except in the case provided in section 9, article 4 of the regulations. This is the practice at all the institutions of the mint service.

In regard to imposing a charge of 1/8 of 1 per cent, being the only charge at the Assay Offices for their work, no change will be made in this respect and if any depositor considers it a discrimination between your office and any other institution he is at liberty to send his bullion to the institution where he thinks he gets the best returns.

The Government institutions are established for the convenience of depositors in the sections in which they are located and it is a matter of indifference to the Government whether the deposits are received at one institution or another.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The official bond of Sherman G. Sackett, Chief Clerk of your Mint, has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury

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and filed in the office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Order Storage battery not to exceed two-hundred dollars delivered in Helena so that it can be paid from this years appropriation.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st. instant relative to the purchase of a storage battery for your electric plant, you are authorized to purchase the same at a cost not exceeding $200, to be delivered at Helena.

I telegraphed you to-day at Helena that you could make the contract before the close of the present fiscal year, so that the expense may be paid from this year's appropriation. If the contract is made before the end of the fiscal year you will see that the bill is dated prior to the 1st of July, so that it may be taken up in your accounts for the current fiscal year even if it is not delivered until after the close of the current year.

In this connection I would say that

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as soon after the close of the fiscal year as it can be done conveniently, you will see that all bills for supplies and expenses of all kinds are promptly rendered and paid and your accounts for the fiscal year closed, the balances of appropriations deposited, and forwarded to this Bureau. You will also have all annual statements covering the business of the fiscal year, which you are required to render, promptly prepared and forwarded. I presume you understand that all your bullion, including sweeps and grain bars, is to be shipped to the Mint at Philadelphia before the close of the fiscal year so that the gain or loss on the business of the year may be ascertained.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing bids received by you for old material, I have to state that you do not furnish sufficient evidence, that is, by stating the quantity of each class of old material on hand to enable me to decide which of the bids of M. Schwartz & Co. is the best for the interests of the Government. The department will require a schedule of the quantity and kind of old material sold to accompany the Certificate of Deposit

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You will weigh the material and accept the bid of Schwartz & Co. that may be best for the interest of the government and when forwarding the Certificate of Deposit for the proceeds, furnish a schedule of the material sold.
The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant, transmitting schedule of bids received for furnishing supplies that will be required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, the following awards are approved, viz:

C. S. Pitcher.

Muslin (Cheese cloth)	@	3 1/2¢ per yard
Spool Thread (assorted)	"	45¢ " dozen
Huck Towels	"	$2.50 " "
Ticking	"	15¢ " yd.
Linen Holland	"	15¢ " "
" Tape	"	25¢ " doz.
" Crash	"	15¢ " yd.
Brown Sheetings	"	25¢ " "
Buck Mitts	"	$12.00 " dozen.

Finbay & Brunsing.

Alcohol 188°	@	$2.10¾ per gallon

Mrs. C. Nelson.

Asbestos Gloves	"	$12.00 per doz.

R. M. Ong.

Coal oil (in barrels)	@	10¢ per gallon

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R. M. Ong (continued)

Diamond Spindle Oil	@ 15¢ per gallon

Woodward Wright & Co (limited).

Corn Brooms (4 strings)	@ $2.75 per dozen
Buckets (3 hoops)	" 1.50 " "
Matches	" 90¢ " gross
Salt	" 95¢ " sack
Lard Oil	" 50¢ " gallon
Valvine Oil	" 40¢ " "

Mrs. E. A. Serrazin.

Coin Bags to contain $1,000.—	@ 6¾¢ each
" " " " 500.—	" 3¼¢ "
" " " " 250.—	" 2¢ "
" " " " 200.—	" 1½¢ "
" " " " 100.—	" 1¼¢ "

Thomas Fawcett & Son.

Bituminous Coal (Pittsburgh)	@ $3.14 per ton.
Coke	" 35¢ " bbl.

A. B. Joseph Dureau.

Charcoal	@ 18½¢ per bbl.

Robert I. Taylor & Son.

Crucibles Black Lead #200	@ 2¢ per No.
Crucible Covers " " "	" 1¢ " "
Dipping Cups "	" 50¢ each.

M. P. Doulbit.

Tallow #1	@ 7¢ per lb.

J. L. Lyons & Co.

Nitric Acid Strictly C.P.	@ 16¢ per lb.
" for parting purposes	" 6⅞¢ " "
Sulphuric " Commercial	" 1¾¢ " "
Nitre D'K.	" 6½¢ " "
Borax R.	" 9¢ " "
Borax Soap	" 7½¢ " "
Toilet Soap	" $1.50 " doz.
Olive Soap	" 2.10 " box

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Louis J. Mestier.

Wood, Split Ash @ $5.40 per cord
" Fat pine " 4.45 " "
" pine Knot " 2.95 " "

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Pay five hundred thousand dollars in bars to-day. You will pay no more bars after to-day until close of settlement and telegraph no more requests but refuse them. Examiners will be at your institution at nine to-morrow morning.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

One million dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer at New York by wire to-day.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The official bond of Charles J. Deering, Cashier of your Mint, has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and was yesterday filed in the First Comptroller's Office.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 26th, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

You will ship all bullion, including any sweep or grain bars recovered, before the close of the fiscal year to the Mint at Philadelphia so as to ascertain the exact profit or loss on the business of the year, and in your accounts for June 30th no balance of bullion will appear on hand at your institution.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Messrs. James Walsh & Son,
#5 Wall Street
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant, you are informed that no charge is made upon silver purchased by the department,

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except in cases where it is required to be parted and refined, or toughened.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

Your offers declined.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

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Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 27th 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Four 88/100 Dollars ($26,454.88) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Nineteen 04/100 Dollars ($319.04/100) in Silver Coin

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making a total of Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Three 92/100 Dollars ($26,773.92/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, as shown by Memorandum No. — dated June 21st 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 27th, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant relative to the claim of Mr. Sanders for work done in repairing the building, I would say that Supt. Wild had no business to give such a due bill that he exceeded his authority, and that it was a violation of law.

At the same time for your statement that the money is justly due Mr. Sanders I would say that if he will render you an itemized account for services rendered as having been done within the current fiscal year and you see fit to approve the same and pay it from your appropriation for the current year no question will be raised in regard to the expenditure in this Bureau.

This is all I can do in the matter, and if it is not satisfactory to you Mr. Sanders will have to make an itemized account and have it presented as a claim for an appropriation by Congress.

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I return herewith the due bill of Mr. Sanders.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Chronicle" of San Francisco for advertising for proposals for supplies that will be required for your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, amounting to $32.40, which sum is payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$34.20

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Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Deposit-Memorandum dated June 21st 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you

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of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 32 dated June 14th, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $26,841.71. Charges $67.79 and net value $26,773.92. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith one dollar ($1.00) for which I will thank you to send me per registered mail one hundred 1¢ bronze pieces, Coinage 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 28th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy four 76/100 Dollars ($16,974.76) in Gold Coin, being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay

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Office, at St. Louis, Mo., as shown by Memorandum dated June 25th, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

June 28th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward on Monday a statement showing the amount of gold exported and the amount imported at the port of New York, approximately during the month of June, 1890, up to and including the 30th instant. I would like to have the statement on Tuesday morning.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your letters of the 28th instant submitting bids for papering, painting, carpets and repairing furniture, have been received and your acceptance of the bid of A. Gautier for painting papering &c. $148.50; of J. J. Joslin & Son for carpets, $23.90 and of J. G. Kilpatrick for repairing furniture $7.00 is hereby approved. The bids are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Republican" of Denver for advertising for proposals for supplies that will be required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, amounting to $5.60, which sum is payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 28th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 27th instant relative to the steel door for the cashier's vault, I would say that the same has been referred to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury for his consideration.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I return herewith the account of the Globe Democrat for advertising enclosed in your letter of the 26th instant with the information that inasmuch as the authority of the

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Secretary of the Treasury for the publication of the advertisement accompanied the voucher, it does not require the approval of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary.

The object in requiring bills for advertising to be forwarded to the department before payment is for the purpose of ascertaining that the rates charged agree with the sworn rates of the publisher of the paper on file in the department, and which is certified to by the Chief of the Stationery Division upon copies of the paper containing the advertisement being forwarded with the account.

You will therefore pay the bill from your appropriation for contingent expenses without any further reference to the department.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 25th, 1890

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office.
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated June 25th, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 114 dated June 21st 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $6,976.69. Charges $1.93, and net value $6,974.76. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant relative to furnishing information to Mr. Stockdale as to the quantity of gold deposited by certain parties, you are informed that if Mr. Stockdale will send you written authority from the depositors you are at liberty to send him the information he desires. Otherwise he should procure an order of the Court in connection with the litigation pending, on which it will be furnished.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 28th, 1890.

J. E. O'Conor, Esq.
Asst. Secretary to Government of India,
Simla, India.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 22nd ultimo has been received enclosing a statement of the gold and silver coinage executed at the Mints at Calcutta and Bombay during the years 1888 and 1889, and they will be substituted for the statement forwarded with your letter of the 6th of February last.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in furnishing this information.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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S. T. Porter Esq. President
Helena Steam Heating & Supply Company,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 26th instant relative to the heating apparatus purchased from you by the United States Assay Office at Helena, I have referred your communication to the Assayer in charge with instructions in the premises.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Charles J. Macdonald Esq.
Supt. of Money Order System,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant relative to the value of the "Sucre" of Ecuador, you are respectfully informed that at the present price of silver, $1.04,673 per fine ounce, the value of the Sucre of Ecuador in the money of account of the United States is $0.75,7.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant transmitting proposals for supplies required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, the following awards made by you are approved viz:

Einwachter & Wyeth.

Iron, American bar	@	2 1/10¢ per lb.
" Swede "	"	4 1/2¢ " "
" Norway "	"	5¢ " "
" Galvanized "	"	8 1/4¢ " "
" Band	"	2 3/4¢ " "
Rivets, copper	"	40¢ " "
Bars, "	"	26¢ " "
Sheet "	"	26¢ " "
Wire "	"	25¢ " "
Brass, sheet	"	22¢ " "
" roll	"	21¢ " "
Lead, pig, chemically pure	"	9¢ " "
" sheet	"	8¢ " "
Zinc, bertha spelter	"	8 1/2¢ " "
Rasps, assorted 6 inch 1/2 round	"	$1.47 per dozen
" " 8 inch 1/2 round	"	2.13 1/2 " "
" " 10 inch 1/2 round	"	3.06 1/4 " "
Cabinet rasps 6 in. & 14 in.	"	2.10 & 6.86 " "

H. C. Cook.

Coal, hard, white ash, anthracite pea	@	$2.54 per ton 2240 lbs.
" Lehigh Egg	"	4.25 " " " "
" Stove	"	4.40 " " " "

Geo. G. Newton & Co.

Coal, Highland broken, hand-picked & screened for melting	@	$5.75 per ton 2240 lbs.

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John R. Rowand.

Charcoal, pine	@	3¼¢ per bushel
" oak	"	14¢ " "
" granulated oak	"	1¾¢ " lb.
" pulverized.	"	1½¢ " "

Eastburn & Co.

Brushes, Scrub, W. G. #25	"	$1.25 per dozen
" Whitewash ex. #10	"	9.50 " "
Corn Brooms	"	2.25 " "

Wm. H. Bernstein.

Brushes, Whitewash #2	@	$9.45 " dozen
Floor Sweeps	"	11.4 " "
Hand Dusters, stiff #3	"	7.87 " "
Buckskin gloves, Mens No 1	"	8.44 per doz. pairs
Chamois, Yellow and White	"	85¢ each

James W. Queen & Co.

Fused (calcined) borax	@	35¢ per lb.
Gasoline	"	20¢ " gallon
Filtering paper	"	$3.90 per ream
Bone Ash	"	6¢ " lb.

Roller & Shoemaker

Tartaric Acid	@	36¢ per lb.
Muriatic " C. P.	"	9½¢ " "
Nitric " " "	"	11½¢ " "
Double Refined Borax	"	9 45/100¢ " "
Soda Ash B. C.	"	2¢ " "
Nitrate of Soda	"	2 7/10¢ " "
Saltpetre (D. Ref. Nitre)	"	5 7/10¢ " "
Turks Island Salt	"	70¢ " bushel
Portland Cement	"	$3.25 " barrel
Safety Matches	"	2.00 " gross
Parlor " (500 in box)	"	5.50 " "
Alcohol 95%	"	2.18 " gallon
Methylic	"	1.28 " "
Benzine	"	18¢ " "
Pearlash	"	7½¢ " lb.

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Roller & Shoemaker (continued)

Detersive Soap	@	6 24/100 ¢ per lb.
White Lead	"	6 1/2 ¢ " "
Chrome Yellow	"	13 ¢ " "
Yellow Ochre	"	7 1/2 ¢ " "
Chrome Green	"	12 1/2 ¢ " "
Bronze Green	"	10 1/2 ¢ " "
Linseed Oil	"	62 ¢ " gallon
Turpentine	"	42 ¢ " "
Copal Varnish	"	85 ¢ " "
Outside "	"	$ 1.50 " "
Putty	"	2 ¢ " lb.
White Zinc (French)	"	8 ¢ " "
Paint Pots	"	$ 2.75 " dozen
Sand Paper	"	3.75 " ream
White Cotton Waste	"	9 1/2 ¢ " lb.

Chas Lennig & Co.

Muriatic Acid 21° B.	@	1 ¢ per lb.

Harrison, Bro. & Co.

Aqua Fortis 40° B. (best com. quality)	@	$ 3.68 100 ¢ per lb.
Oil of Vitriol 66° B. " " "	"	95 100 ¢ " "

Elias Dohl

Lumber, White pine panel 1", 1 1/4", 1 1/2", 2"	@	45.00 per M.
" " " plank 1 1/4", 1 1/2", 2", 3"	"	40.00 " "
" " " boards 1" No. 1	"	32.49 " "
" " " " 1" No. 2	"	20.— " "
" " " " 1" No. 3	"	16.49 " "
" Hemlock joists and Scantling	"	12.— " "
" Ash 1" & 2", No. 1	"	42.— " "
" " 3" 4" " " 20" wide	"	55.— " "
" Walnut 1" & 1 1/2" No. 1	"	117.— " "
" Cherry 1", 1 1/2", 2" " "	"	170.— " "
" Poplar 1/2", 1", 2", 3" " "	"	35.— " "
" Double fencing White pine No. 1	"	31.49 " "
" Virginia pine flooring 1" No. 1	"	23.— " "
" " " " 1 1/2" " "	"	18.— " "

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Elias Pohl (Continued)

Lumber, Virginia pine flooring 1/4", No. 1	@	$23.- per M
" Basswood	"	18.25 " "
" Double fencing white pine, No. 2.	"	19.- " "

Henry C. Harper.

Duck, 8 oz. No. 1	@	8 3/4¢ per yard
Muslin 4/4 " No. 3	"	6 7/8¢ " "
Muslin (unbleached) 7/4	"	21 7/8¢ " "
Ticking, No. 7	"	8 1/2¢ " "
Cotton Laps	"	31½¢ " dozen
Gingham	"	5 3/4¢ " yard
Blankets, No. 1	"	$2.21 " pair
" No. 2	"	2.63 " "
" No. 3	"	2.96 " "
White Star Stay (Binding), No. 8	"	15 3/4¢ " dozen
Mitts, double thumbs and pads	"	$8.07 per doz. pairs
Gloves, long, right-hand	"	9.75 " " "
" , short, left	"	7.12½ " " "

James Robertson.

Gloves, Buckskin Men's No. 2	"	$8.00 per doz. pairs
" " Women's No. 1	"	4.00 " " "
" " " No. 2	"	4.25 " " "
Mitts " No. 1	"	9.00 " " "
" " No. 2	"	8.00 " " "
" " No. 1, reversible	"	9.25 " " "

E. F. Houghton.

Lard, best Kettle-rendered (tierces)	@	7¢ per lb.
" Oil, winter, white prime	"	52¢ " gallon
" Sperm, winter bleached	"	80¢ " "
" Cosmo lubric No. 2	"	52¢ " "

Collins & Altemus.

Oil, crescent cylinder	"	40¢ " gallon
" Vacuoline engine (or equal to)	"	25¢ " "

Francis Conway & Sons.

Tallow, double refined, cylinder	"	5½¢ " lb.

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Crew-Levick Co.

Oil, Mount farm @ 19¢ per gallon

Vacuum Oil Co.

Oil, red V. Vacuum " 70¢ " "

Horner Mulligan

Castile Soap, ¼ lb. cakes " 14¢ " lb.

Murta, Appleton + Co.

Brushes, hand-dust, No 5 " $9.00 per dozen

" sash tools " 4.00 " "

Feather-dusters 12" " 9.00 " "

Door-Locks, rim " 4.00 " "

" " mortised " 6.00 " "

Bar sand " 2.70 " load

Lime " 1.10 " bushel

H. K. Van Dusen

Fire Bricks No. 1 " 27.50 " M.

" " No. 2 " 27.50 " "

" Tile " 7¢ " 100 cu. in.

Paving Brick " $20.— " M.

Fire Clay " 1.75 " bbl.

R. J. Taylor + Co.

Crucibles, black lead, @ 2¢ per No.

Covers " " " 3½¢ " "

Stirrers " " " 50¢ each

Dipping Cups " 50¢ "

Black Lead Pools " 60¢ "

" " Rings " 65¢ "

E. A. Hollis.

Bolts, assorted sq. head, full line @ $1.—$7.43 per hundred

Washers " " " 6¢ & 8¢ " lb.

Copper wire rope, assorted " 21¢ " "

Screws, 2 in.-full line-f.l. head " 9¢ & 59¢ " gross

Rings-Assorted, full line " 65¢ & $3.20 " "

Key Blanks " 45¢ " 85¢ " dozen

Fire Shovels-square point, full line " $7.20 " $8.00 " "

" " round " " " " 7.60 " 8.00 " "

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E. A. Hollis (continued)

Scoop shovels	@	$6.50 & 8.40 per doz.
Emery paper No. 00	"	20¢ " gross
" " No. 00 Turkish	"	23¢ " "
" Cloth No. 1	"	55¢ " "
" " Assorted	"	70¢ " "
Saws, full line No. 2 to 20-18"	"	$4.20 " dozen
Saws, No. 28	"	$4.80 " "
Saws, heavy foundry	"	$6.60 " "
Saws, " " 20 inch.	"	7.20 " "
Scoops, iron, assorted ½ polished	"	$6.25 & 8.- " "
" black steel, full line.	"	$6.80 & 8.40 " "
Hammer handles, 10 to 14 in	"	40¢ " "
" " 18 in	"	60¢ " "
Hatchet handles,	"	40¢ " "
Sledge handles, No. 1	"	$1.25 " "
Sledge handles, extra	"	1.60 " "
File handles	"	25¢ " "
Wire brads full line	"	5¢ & 15¢ " lb.
Cut nails assorted 20d to 4d	"	$2.05 & $2.50 " keg
Tacks, full line	"	46¢ & 65¢ per doz. papers.
Finishing nails, full line	"	$2.85 & 3.15 per keg
Trimmed tacks, 6 oz.	"	$1.06 per doz. papers.
" " 8 oz.	"	$1.30 " " "
Locks, closet full line	"	60¢ & $4.80 per dozen
" drawer, eagle full line	"	70¢ & $5.60 " "
Hooks, hat and coat, full line	"	75¢ & $1.25 " gross
" 9326	"	75¢ " dozen
" hat and coat, brass, full line	"	85¢ & $1.35 " "
Butts, loose joints, full line	"	46¢ & $1.05 " doz. pairs.
" assorted fast joints, full line	"	28¢ " 95¢ " " "
Hinges, light strap, assorted, full line	"	36¢ " $1.62 " " "
" heavy strap, 8 in.	"	$1.50 " " "
" " " 10 in.	"	$2.70 " " "
" heavy T. 6 in. to 12 in.	"	46¢ & $1.35 " " "
Files, hand, bastard, flat 12 in.	"	$2.41 per dozen

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E. A. Hollis (continued).

Files - hand, bastard, flat 14 in.	@	$ 3.42 per dozen
" 1/2 round 4 in to 14 in	"	98¢ to $3.82 " "
" square bastard 4 in to 12 in	"	72¢ to $2.41 " "
" round " 6 in to 12 in	"	80¢ to $1.95 " "

John M. Mellon's Sons.

Galvanized Iron Buckets	@	$3.00 per dozen
Buckets	"	3.50 " "
Pint Cups	"	2.50 " "
Half pint cups	"	75¢ " "
Oilers, quart	"	$10.50 " "
" pint	"	$9.00 " "
Pans, square	"	45.00 " "
" round, large	"	24.00 " "
" " small	"	12.00 " "

J. W. Borst.

Soap, borax	"	7¢ " lb.
" Sand	"	3¢ " "
" Sapolio	"	60¢ " doz. bars.

J. S. Lowry Sons.

Wood, oak, one year seasoned	"	$5.90 per cord.

Annie Black.

Mitts, furnace	"	40¢ " pair
" fire	"	25¢ " "

Lowe & Bro.

Belt Lacers - 1/2 inch	"	1¢ " foot
Belting, single 10 inch	"	50 96/100 ¢ " "

William Eatweiler.

Leather Belting, single 2 inch.	@	$ 28/100 per foot
" " " 2 1/2 "	"	10 80/100 ¢ " "
" " " 3 "		12 96/100 ¢ " "
" " " 3 1/2 "		15 48/100 ¢ " "
" " " 4 "		18 ¢ " "
" " " 4 1/2 "		20 16/100 ¢ " "
" " " 5 "		22 68/100 ¢ " "
" " " 5 1/2 "		25 20/100 ¢ " "

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William Entwisle (continued)

Leather Belting, single	6 inch	@ 27 36/100 ¢ per foot
" " "	7 "	" 32 42/100 ¢ " "
" " "	8 "	" 36 72/100 ¢ " "
" " double	2½	" 21 60/100 ¢ " "
" " "	4	" 36 ¢ " "
" " "	5	" 45 36/100 ¢ " "
" " "	6	" 54 72/100 ¢ " "
" " "	7	" 64 80/100 ¢ " "
" " "	10	" 92 88/100 ¢ " "
" " "	12	" $1.11 60/100 " "
" " Treeply	16	" 2.31 12/100 " "

O. P. Dietrich

Spittoons,	9"	@ $7.50 per dozen
"	10"	" 9.00 " "
"	11"	" 9.75 " "
"	12"	" 11.50 " "

Wm. Heaton.

Packing)		" 16 ¢ " lb.
Gauge Washers		" 25 ¢ " dozen

Charles Lynch

Specie Kegs		" 90 ¢ each
" "	heads	" 20 ¢ "

Robert S. Gribbin.

Sweep Barrels (best whiskey)		@ $1.25 each

Commercial Ice Company.

Ice, eastern		@ $10.50 per ton net

Alexander Balfour

White Rags		@ 7 ¢ per lb.

Stevenson Bro. & Co.

Phoenix Packing,	assorted	@ 70 ¢ " lb.

I have not approved the award for ingot copper for the reason that I am satisfied it can be procured from time to time in the open market at lower rates.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

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June 30th, 1890

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I return herewith the papers of the three eligibles certified from the Civil-Service Commission for the position of substitute in this Bureau. The duties required of this substitute will be somewhat technical involving an examination and verification of the quantity and value of the precious metals contained in deposits and purchases of bullion at the mints, and the charges to which such deposits are subject. From an examination of these papers I am of the opinion that none of the persons certified are competent to perform this work satisfactorily.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1890.

Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief Clerk)

Sir:

I have to request that three (3) carpets be furnished for the use of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, under the Treasury contract for carpets, the same to be paid for from the appropriation for contingent expenses of that office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890. I enclose herewith diagram giving the dimensions of the carpets required.

I have also to request that there be purchased for the U. S. Assay Office at

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Boise City (7) office chairs the same to be paid for from the appropriation for contingent expenses of that office for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1890.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed

Telegraph your June coinage immediately.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 30, 1890.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram

Confirmed

Telegraph your June Coinage.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

June 30th, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram

Confirmed

Telegraph the total imports and exports of gold at San Francisco during the month of June approximately.
E. O. Leech, Director.

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June 30th, 1890.

Charles F. Macdonald Esq.
Superintendent of Money Order System
Post Office Department
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The value of the "Sol" of Peru, based upon the average price of silver for the three months ending today, is $0.74,04.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

June 30th, 1890.

Journal of Commerce,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me for my files another copy of your issue of the 28th instant.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed.

June 30, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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July 1st, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson, Nevada, be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200000) by a transfer of that amount in Gold Coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at San Francisco by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Tribune" New York, for advertising for supplies that will be required for your office for the current fiscal year, amounting to $33.60 which sum is payable from the Contingent Expenses of your office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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July 1st, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Ascertain and telegraph to-day when and at what port the Spanish pesetas deposited a few days ago were imported.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

July 1st, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Selby Smelting & Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

I will act on the recommendation of the Superintendent. No recommendation has been received from him.

E. O. Leech
Director.

July 1, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Jacob Newman
New Orleans, La.

Your offer declined. Offers will be considered on Thursday.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 2, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo, ordering carpets and seven office chairs, you are informed that carpets will be

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furnished you by the Treasury Department, at the contract rates, payment to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890. In reference to the chairs requested, after consultation, it is decided that it will be better for you to purchase them at Boise City, as the freight and risk of breakage in transportation, will more than offset any difference in price.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 2nd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco by wire.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return by express to-day the bids for supplies required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I return herewith the bid and bond of the Phoenix Manufacturing Company enclosed in your letter of the 18th instant. You can accept such articles embraced in the bid as you may deem best for the interests of the government.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 2nd, 1890.

Hon. W. W. Morrow,
House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your oral request that I would ascertain the exact date at which the market price of silver bullion fell below the value of silver in our coinage, viz: $1.2929 per ounce fine, I would say that the nearest equivalent in English pence at which silver is quoted [.925 fine] is fifty-nine pence, which corresponds to $1.293 per ounce fine, and I find by referring to the table of Messrs. Pixley & Abell, bullion brokers, London, showing the monthly fluctuations in the price of pure silver from January, 1833 to December 1889, the following monthly fluctuations, viz:

1873:		1874	
August	58 13/16 to 59 3/16	January	58 to 59 1/2
September	58 13/16 to 59 1/8	February	58 1/2 to 59
October	58 1/2 to 59	March	58 1/2 to 59 3/8

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1873		1874	
November	57 7/8 @ 58 1/8	April	58 9/16 @ 59 1/4
December	58 @ 58 1/16	May	58 1/2 @ 58 7/8
		June	58 1/2 @ 59

The month of June 1874 was the last period in which silver reached the price of 59 pence our standard. While the first date at which it fell below 59 pence was in the month of August 1873.
I have not at hand, and have not been able to find the daily quotations at that period, but would suggest that probably you may find it in the London "Times", a file of which I understand is kept at the Congressional Library).

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 2nd, 1890.

Hon. N. W. Aldrich,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:
Referring to our conversation of to-day, I enclose herewith House Bill No. 6623, with a copy of a report which I had the honor to make to Mr. Bartine, Chairman of the Sub-committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures of the House, authorizing the re-coinage of the subsidiary silver coins now in the Treasury, and the payment of the loss from the "Silver profit fund". I would suggest that the first two sections of this bill be incorporated in the Senate bill abolishing the $1 and $3 gold pieces and the 3-cent nickel piece, and giving the Director of the Mint authority,

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with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to change the designs of our coins not oftener than once in twenty-five years.
In regard to the latter measure, viz: the provision to change the designs of the coins, as reported from the Senate Finance Committee I see by the newspapers that it is proposed to limit the changes in the designs to the subsidiary silver coins.
I respectfully suggest that the designs on the silver dollar could be changed with advantage - I believe that the substitution of a bust of Washington in place of the female head now for the silver dollar would be more in keeping with the requirements of section 3517 of the Revised Statutes which provides "on one side there shall be an impression emblamatic of liberty," and, that a more heroic eagle could be substituted for the one now appearing on the silver dollar.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 2nd, 1890.

George E. Kent Esq
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear George,

I received your letter of the 28th ultimo and I would say that you are allowed by the Regulations twenty-one days leave of absence. If you have exceeded that you are not entitled to any more and if you have not, you can get leave by asking for it. I think it would be undignified for me

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to interfere in the matter.
Mr. Gorham is my friend and is of necessity your friend, and I am satisfied he will treat you justly.

Very truly yours,
E. O. Leech

July 2nd, 1890

Cabell Whitehead Esq.
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I see an article in the North American of to day on the subject of coinage which contains a picture of myself.
The article contains a great many inaccuracies. May I trouble you to procure a few copies for me, say half a dozen, and forward them to me.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 2nd, 1890.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:
Replying to your letter of the 1st instant you are respectfully informed that no exception will be made to this order of the Department that no business is to be transacted by the Assay Office at New York during the Annual count and settlement.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

Agents, Bank of Montreal,
New York, N. Y.

Confirmed

The annual examination and count is in progress at Assay Office. Have declined all requests to interfere with its progress. It will probably be completed this week.

E. O. Leech
Director.

July 2nd, 1890.

Clayton McMichael Esq.
Editor, The North American,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Permit me to call your attention to a very important error which occurred in the article from your special correspondent on the subject of Coinage which appeared in your issue of to-day. I am reported to have said "The amount of gold in our gold coins has not been changed since we first began coinage in 1793. The alloy has been changed but not the amount of pure gold." This should have read "The amount of pure silver in the standard silver dollar has not been changed since we first began coining." The quantity of pure gold in the dollar, as fixed by the act of 1792, was 24.75 grains, the ratio in coinage being 15 to 1.

By the act of June 28, 1834, the pure gold was reduced from 24.75 to 23.20 grains to the dollar, the ratio between gold and silver in coinage being 1 to 16.002.

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By the act of January 18, 1837, the fineness of the gold coins was increased about three fourths of one thousandth by changing from the standard of .899225 to .900, which increased the pure gold in a dollar from 23.20 to 23.22 grains at which it has remained up to the present time. The ratio between the two metals in coinage was fixed by this act at 1 to 15.988, at which it still remains.

As this is an important error I will thank you to correct the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 3rd, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena Montana be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100 000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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July 3rd, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 3, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Referring to your telegraph giving the amount of your balance at New York at the close of business June 30 you are instructed in future not to telegraph your balance, but instead to telegraph when your credit at New York is exhausted and your bullion fund will be increased by a transfer.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 3rd, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary

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of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0475-

American Exchange National Bank 100,000 Ounces, at $1.0480

Nesslage Colgate & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0485-

Respectfully, yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

June 3rd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant requesting that the Seiss automatic weighing machine now at the San Francisco Mint be sent to your institution, I have sent your letter with my endorsement to the Superintendent of the Mint in San Francisco for report.

Respectfully, yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal.

The use of the standard dollar appropriation has been confined to wages at all mints under my administration. I prefer that no portion of it be used for contingent expenses. If practicable transfer some legitimate expense to refinery accounts.

E. O. Leech
Director.

July 3rd, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

If settlement sufficiently advanced so that it will not interfere with the examination by Mr. Stier you are authorized to advance Selby approximate value on deposits of fine gold bars.

E. O. Leech
Director.

July 3rd, 1890.

Walter Wellman, Esq.
Correspondent "Chicago Herald".
507 Fourteenth Street
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I received your note with the very complimentary article in regard to myself. I notice one very important error in the article which I would suggest you correct.

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I am reported to have said: "The amount of gold in our gold coins has not been changed since we first began coinage in 1793. The alloy has been changed but not the amount of pure gold."
This should have read: "The amount of pure silver in the standard silver dollar has not been changed since we first began coining."
The quantity of pure gold in the dollar (as fixed by the act of 1792, was 24.75 grains, the ratio in coinage being 15 to 1.
By the act of June 28, 1834, the pure gold was reduced from 24.75 to 23.20 grains in the dollar, the ratio between gold and silver in coinage being 1 to 16.002.
By the act of January 18, 1837, the fineness of the gold coins was increased about three-fourths of one thousandth by changing from the standing of .899225 to .900, which increased the pure gold in a dollar from 23.20 to 23.22 grains, at which it has remained up to the present time. The ratio between the two metals in coinage was fixed by this act at 1 to 15.988, at which it still remains.
Of course this is an important error as coming from the man who is supposed to know all about such matters, and if not too much trouble I will thank you to call attention to the same.
Again I thank you for the complimentary notice of me and my work.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1890.

J. Koller Esq.
Manager, Dickerman's Counterfeit Detector,
#31 & 33 Broad Street, New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant requesting a statement of the number of each denomination of coins struck during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, by return mail, you are informed that as soon as a statement is prepared, a copy will be sent you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram

July 3rd, 1890.

Cabel Whitehead
Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Return to Washington for consultation with me at close of business today if you consider it desirable.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram Confirmed

July 3, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams addressed to:

over

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Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company,
#26 Nassau Street,
New York.

Neslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

July 3, 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Jacob Newman
New Orleans, La.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

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July 5th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States, at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

San Francisco
Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
($500,000)

July 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You will please cause two hundred thousand (200,000) silver dollars to be coined by your Mint in July.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted on next page, to;

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

seven hundred thousand (700,000)

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

one million (1,000,000)

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

eight hundred thousand (800,000)

July 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Mail and Express" of New York, for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your office for the current fiscal year amounting to $69.60 which sum is payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 5th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

+ + Five hundred Thousand Dollars ($500000) + +
+ + + + + +

July 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of June, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for Special assay, have been received, viz:

18 $ S. Dollars - - -	$18.00
Total - - - - -	$18.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

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4 Double Eaagles	$ 80.00
22 S.S. Dollars	22.00
40 Dimes	4.00
Total	$ 106.00

July 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon information contained in your letter of the 13th instant the approval of awards for supplies required by your mint for the current fiscal year, contained in my letter of the 28th ultimo is amended as follows: page 3, Wm. H. Bernstein, Buckskin Gloves, Mens No. 1 revoked and contract awarded for Buckskin Gloves No. 2 to James Robertson at $8.00 per dozen; page 4, James Robertson, Womens Gloves, No. 1, revoked as the gloves are not used; page 7 Henry C. Harper, mitts, amended by striking out the words per dozen pairs and inserting per dozen pieces, and by striking out pairs after long right and short left hand gloves and change price short left hand gloves from $7.12½ to $6.52½ per dozen pieces; pages 12 and 13, the bid of John M. Melloy's sons amended to read as follows:

Galvanized Iron Buckets	@ $ 3.00 per dozen.
Buckets	" 1.75 " "
Pint cups	" 50¢ " "
½ " "	" 25¢ " "
Oilers, quart	$ 3.50 " "
pint	" 2.00 " "
Pails, square	" 9.00 " "

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Pans, round, large @ $6.00 per dozen
" small " 3.00 " "
Bid Harrison Bros - Nitric Acid 40° Baumé at 4 12/100 ¢ per lb. - omitted from former schedule is also approved.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 5th, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

No bill can be paid from refinery money except an expense connected with refining. You should not have exceeded your contingent appropriation. Presume bills must be paid from standard dollar appropriation. Have written you. Consult Stier.

E. O. Leech
Director.

July 5th, 1890.

Telegram

H. C. Stier,
Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

You are authorized to visit Helena. Have mailed letter to San Francisco. Superintendent San Francisco had no legal right to exceed his contingent appropriation. If possible to avoid it do not wish to use silver dollar fund for contingent expenses. Advise him.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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July 5th, 1890.

Henry Mitchell, Esq.
110 Tremont Street
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant you are informed that no law has yet been passed for changing the designs of the coins of the United States.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1890.

Telegram confirmed

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and five cents per oz fine, to-morrow morning.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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July 7th, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant relative to making payments of bills for renovating and re-furnishing your Mint, you are hereby instructed to make requisition on your contingent appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, for such an amount, in round figures, as you will require to make these payments and the amount will be advanced you, and you will render a supplemental account embracing these expenditures.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 7th, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant I would say that as soon as the Bureau is furnished with a copy of the act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, you will be informed of the amounts appropriated for the support of your institution.

My impression is that they are the same as for the last fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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July 7th, 1890

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st. instant relative to the doors ordered for your assay office, I would say that it is desirable that the expenditure should be paid from your contingent appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890.

The rule of the Department is that when an expenditure is authorized during the fiscal year it can be paid from the appropriation for that year even if the articles are not received until after the close of the year.

I should prefer, if it can be done conveniently and properly, to pay this expenditure from your appropriation for last year rather than encroach upon the appropriation for the current year.

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 7th, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in Silver Dollars or by draft or

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the Assistant Treasurer at New York:
Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 60000 Ounces, at $1.0550
Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted &:
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Nesslage Colgate & Co. 80,000 Ounces, at $1.05125
Handy & Hahman 75,000 Ounces, at $1.0510

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Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, at your Mint, will be one hundred and five cents per ounce fine.
Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 7th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:
Referring to certain telegraphic correspondence between your Mint and this Bureau relative to the payment of bills for contingent expenses from the appropriation contained in the act authorizing

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the coinage of the Standard silver dollar I would say that the use of the standard dollar appropriation has been limited during the last fiscal year, or at least since I took charge of the administration of mint affairs, to supplying deficiencies in the appropriation for wages of workmen and adjusters made necessary by the coinage of the silver dollar authorized in that act. And that the coinage mints were instructed that no portion of the funds advanced them from the silver dollar appropriation was to be used in the payment of expenses for material supplies, or other incidental or contingent expenses. Instructions were given you to that effect when the first advance was made you from the appropriation named.

The rule has been rigidly enforced and I regret that occasion has arisen to deviate from it in regard to your mint, & I telegraphed you that if any of the bills which were unpaid for the last fiscal year were properly connected with the operations of the deposit melting room or the refinery that they could be paid from the refinery appropriation hoping in this way to avoid the use of the silver dollar fund.

Knowing my views on the subject and the rule which I have established I leave the matter to your discretion, and if you find it necessary in order to complete the payment of your expenses for the last fiscal year to use a portion of the money advanced you from the silver dollar fund I will approve your account, but I hope it will not be necessary.

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Gen. S. V. Benét
Chief of Ordnance,
War Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a box containing 43 gold, 81 Silver and 72 bronze army Marksmanship Medals struck in compliance with your request of May 2nd. I also enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for medals, mounting cases and express charges paid, amounting to $3057.30 for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted the Superintendent of the Mint as early as practicable.

I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of the medals to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 7th, 1890.

Harrie R. Newberry, Esq.
Chargé d'Affaires, ad Interim,
United States Legation
Madrid, Spain.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 24th ultimo returning the statements of the Silver produced annually in Spain for the years 1883-1887, inclusive, reckoned in pesetas, has been received, and I beg to thank you for your courtesy in transmitting the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

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American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

July 7, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your second offer received too late for consideration and is declined. Offers will not be considered until Thursday.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

July 7, 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street, New York.

Telegram Confirmed.

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Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street, New York.

Your offer of seventy five thousand ounces accepted. Other declined.
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

No.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 8, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, enclosing certificates of deposit Nos. 8264 and 8265, amount received from sales of old material during the quarter ended June 30, 1890, I will thank you to forward a detailed statement of the material sold.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 8th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 950 for $10,190.21, being on account of melting Parting & Refining Bullion 4th inst. inclosed in your communication of the 1st inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you on your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter, except as noted on next page, to same address over

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C. D. No. 951 for $43.11 + + alloy charges + + + + + + + + as a Miscellaneous receipt. + +

Three (3) Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

C. D. No. 8253 for $310.26 + + + charges for Melting Stamping & Assaying + + + 30th ultimo, + + + + as a Miscellaneous receipt. + +

C. D. No. 8255 for $117.13 + + + Sweeps bar + + + + + 30th ultimo, + + + + + as a Miscellaneous receipt. + +

C. D. No. 8266 for $2 + + + Bullion Assays + + 2nd inst. + + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, + + + as a Miscellaneous receipt. + +

Three (3) Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

C. D. No. 955 & 959 for $352.57 + + + alloy charges + + + 30th ultimo, + + + as a Miscellaneous receipt. + +

C. D. No. 956 for $574.87 + + + Proceeds of sale old materials + + + + 30th ultimo, + + + No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, + + + as Proceeds of sale

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of old materials. + + + +

C.D. No. 957 for $8,496.71, + + + Parting & Refining Bullion + + + 30th ultimo, + + + + is the credit of the appropriation for Parting + Refining Bullion. + +

July 8th, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant relative to receiving deposits of less value than $50 you are respectfully informed that the instructions will not be changed in this respect, nor will the price of assaying be changed.

While the Assay Offices are established in the interest of miners and producers of bullion it is not to be expected that the Government will inconvenince itself to the extent of receiving every trifling speck of gold that any person may have in his possession and desire to get rid of.

The practice is uniform in this respect throughout the service, and I shall not change it.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received the box containing the 43 gold, 81 Silver and 72 bronze army Marksman-

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-ship medals forwarded by you on the 3rd instant and have sent the same to Gen. Benét, Chief of Ordnance. I have also forwarded your account with a request that a draft for $3057.30 be transmitted you as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 8th, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

I see no necessity for keeping the Mint closed until the fourteenth instant. It should open at once for transaction of public business. The other institutions are open and business going on as usual.

E. O. Leech
Director.

July 8th, 1890.

Henry Chevassus, Esq.,
1 Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Street,
London, England.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by this morning's mail of your letter of the 26th ultimo, and also of the pamphlets mentioned therein. They will be disposed of as you suggested. I beg that you will accept my thanks for the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver Colo.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Ordinary, Refinery, and Standard Silver Dollar expense Accounts.

July 9th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement your bill for the manufacture of ten (10) pairs of Standard Silver Dollar dies for the use of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. The bill will be paid from the appropriation for the Coinage of the

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Standard Silver Dollar and the amount $204.60 will be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your Mint:

Wages of Workmen, 1890, $ 194.40
Contingent Expenses, 1890, 10.20

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 9th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia amounting to $204.60 for the manufacture of ten (10) pairs of Standard Silver Dollar dies for the use of your Mint. The amount will be paid from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar and covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Wages of Workmen, 1890 — $ 194.40
Contingent Expenses, 1890 — 10.20

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 9th 1890.

Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Official bond of Geo. H. Watson as clerk to the Cashier of your Mint was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the 28th ultimo and has been referred to this First Comptroller's Office for file.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 9th, 1890.

Dear Mr. Shirley:

I enclose herewith a copy of Department Circular of May 13, 1890, from which you will see that after an absence of sixty days in any calendar year for all causes the services of any clerk will be discontinued, unless upon the recommendation of the Bureau officer a substitute is employed to perform the duties of the clerk absent on account of sickness.

I submitted the facts in regard to your sickness to the Acting Secretary of the Treasury and he informs me that it will be necessary to employ a substitute to be furnished by the civil service Commission until such time as you are able to return to your official duties, or else that you would lose your pay for all absence in excess of the 60 days. This is the rule of the Department, and however hard it may seem in individual cases it is being rigidly adhered to, and it is believed that on the whole it will

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not work injustice.
I therefore made requisition for a substitute in your stead, who will receive a portion of your salary at the rate of $700 per annum but before definitely selecting one I would like to know when you expect to return to your official duties. Please telegraph on receipt of this, at Government expense.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

John J. Shirley, Esq.
Waukesha, Wis.

July 9th, 1890.

A. J. Ralston, Esq.
Pres't. Selby Smelting & Lead Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant relative to my action in regard to receiving your gold bars at the Mint at San Francisco for payment of approximate value during the annual settlement, you are informed that on the 3rd instant I telegraphed the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco as follows: If settlement sufficiently advanced so that it will not interfere with the examination by Mr. Stier you are authorized to advance Selby approximate value on deposits of fine gold bars.
In explanation of my delay in granting your request permit me to say that on the 29th of May, 1890, the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco telegraphed me as follows. Will close for crude on fourteenth proximo and for fine on twenty-first. This being in conformity with the usual practice at

that mint I approved the closing of the mint for deposits of fine bars on the 21st of June. Consequently it would not have been proper for me to have changed this order except on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

The question of receiving your gold bars after the mint has given formal notice that deposits of fine gold bars would not be received after a certain date, turns not on the safety of the Government in the transaction, of which there is no doubt, but on the propriety of making an exception in favor of one depositor. Either it is, or it is not necessary for the purpose of the annual settlement that the mint should be closed to the receipt of fine bars at a certain time. If it is necessary I do not think it is wise public policy to make any exceptions, and the fact that the receipt of your bars does not interfere with the settlement is very strong evidence that it is not necessary.

You will understand of course, that it is a matter which rests largely in the discretion of the Superintendent. My recollection is that in every case in which this rule has been waived in your favor it has been done on the recommendation of the Superintendent or of the officer selected by the Department to superintend the annual settlement.

I have certainly no desire to embarrass you, or all depositors, in the transaction of your legitimate business with the mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. W. W. Morrow, M. C.
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Morrow:

I send you herewith a statement showing the highest, lowest and average price of silver and the corresponding value of a fine ounce at the average quotation each year from 1833-1889, and for the first six months of the calendar year 1890.

Referring to your request that I would ascertain the cause of the fall of silver between 1808 and 1813, I have looked through Tooke's "History of Prices" and other works and have not been able to put my hand on anything definite on the subject, but beg to direct your attention to the article on "Prices" on page 326 of the "Cyclopedia of Political Science" by Lalor. The article is by Worthington C. Ford and treats in one place of prices about the period you mention. You will probably find it in the Congressional Library, but if not I will lend it to you from my library.

Tooke, in his book, treats very fully of prices during the period you have in mind, but does not say any thing about the price of silver.

I shall continue the research, however, and if I find anything interesting on the subject I will let you know later.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Cabell Whitehead Esq.
United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, you are respectfully informed that it is impossible for me to decide the matter which you submit for my decision without a full knowledge of all the facts.

If it is a fact that the Coiner was not charged with one delivery of ingots, of course he should be charged with it but not unless the facts are well established. It should not be taken for granted.

You will thoroughly investigate the facts and report in writing to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 9th, 1890.

John Little Esq.
President of U. S. & Venezuela Claims Commission,
1317 F Street, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant you are respectfully informed that the value of the Venezuelan peso during the period 1840-1846, "expressed in gold coin of the United States of America" was about $.739, and that the value of the silver peso, or five-bolivar piece, of Venezuela at the present date, "expressed in gold coin of the United States of America," is $.76.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Mr. E. E. Richmond, a clerk of the $900 class on the rolls of this Bureau, detailed for duty in the office of the Superintendent of the Building, be directed to report to this Bureau for duty immediately, as, owing to absence of the clerical force on account of sickness, his services are necessary.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Although I have not received as yet a copy of the legislative executive and judicial appropriation act making appropriations for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year I understand that the amount appropriated for wages of workmen at your mint is $30,000 and the amount appropriated for contingent and incidental expenses $12,500, being exactly one half in each case of the amount appropriated for the last fiscal year. I will say that this reduction was made in the House of Representatives without my knowledge or approval and that I immediately directed the attention of the Senators and Representative from the

your state to the reduction and at my instance the Secretary of the Treasury addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the amounts were restored in the Senate to the amounts appropriated for the last fiscal year, but in the conference committee the reduction made by the House was agreed to.

You will therefore make requisition monthly for a sum approximating one twelfth of your appropriation for wages of workmen and so long as the coinage of the silver dollar is continued at your mint the deficiency in your wages roll will be advanced you monthly from the appropriation for the coinage of the silver dollar.

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $4,500 from this appropriation to meet the expenses of workmen and adjusters connected with that coinage.

You will understand that expenditures from the standard silver dollar fund will be limited to wages of workmen and adjusters and that no portion of this advance will be used in the payment of bills for supplies or other expenses.

In order that the amount appropriated for contingent expenses of your mint for the current fiscal year may be utilized to the best possible advantage, and in order that your expenses may not exceed the sum appropriated, you are hereby instructed that no expenses are to be incurred for repairs of building or

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plant except when absolutely necessary for the current business of your Mint, nor will any expenses be incurred in the nature of betterments or improvements of the Mint property or building.

You will confine your expenses strictly to the purchase of materials and supplies necessary for the current business of your Mint and other necessary expenses such as heating lighting water etc. which are indispensable.

It is my wish that no deficiency shall be incurred at your mint in the line of contingent expenses during the currnt fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 10, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2500.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except amounts mentioned, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City

$8000.00

over

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(See preceding page:)

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

$1500.00

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

$5000.00

July 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July 1890 has been approved for the sum of $6050.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891,	$2500
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	2500
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	1050

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Denver Colo.

$2400.-

Salaries,	1891,	$1000
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	1200
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	200

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

$23000.00

Salaries	1891,	$4,000
Wages of Workmen	1891,	15,000
Contingent Expenses	1891,	4,000

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

$27000.00

Salaries,	1891,	$4,000.
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	18,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	5,000

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

$45000.00

Salaries	1891,	$ 5000
Wages of Workmen	1891,	30 000
Contingent Expenses	1891,	10,000

While I have approved your requisition for Contingent Expenses I have to advise you that the appropriation is $20,000 less than for the last fiscal year.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

$3000.00

Salaries	1891,	$1000
Wages of Workmen	1891,	1500
Contingent Expenses	1891,	500

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,

$9000.00

Office

over

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Salaries,	1891,	$5,000
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	3,200
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	800

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$494.80

		Office
Salaries	1891,	$294.80
Wages of Workmen	1891,	200.00
Contingent Expenses	1891,	

July 10, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Submit immediately for my action the awards for supplies for current fiscal year. No contract will be recognized until passed upon by this Bureau.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 10, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar, six and one half cents, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:
Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

(Ac telegram, preceding page:)

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

July 10, 1890

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, transmitting proposals for supplies required by your Mint during the current fiscal year, the following awards made by you are approved, viz:

Phoenix Manufacturing Company.

50	Plumbago Crucibles	@ $1.00	each
25	" " No. 20	" 75¢	"
200	" Stirrers	" 25¢	"

Denver Fire Clay Company.

25	Battersea Crucibles "A"	@ 3¢	each
300	" " "J"	" 16 2/3¢	"
50	" " "K"	" 20¢	"
25	" " "L"	" 30¢	"
300	lbs. Nitrate Potash	" 15¢	per lb.
200	" Borax Glass	" 40¢	" "
10	" Cyanide Potash	" 40¢	" "
600	" Bone Ash	" 5¢	" "
200	" Test Lead	" 15¢	" "
3	Doz. Battersea Annealing Cups	" $1.25	" doz.
4	32 lb. Flasks	" 32¢	each
24	Muffles	" $1.25	"
2	Cupel Moulds	" 2.75	"
2	pairs Muffle Tongs	" 1.00	"
3	6 in. Funnels	" 50¢	"
	C. P. Nitric Acid	" 20¢	per lb.

Colorado Fuel Company,

40	Tons Coke	@ $4.75	per ton

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Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You are authorized to pay all outstanding bills of the last fiscal year for supplies directly connected with the coinage of the silver dollar, from funds on hand from the appropriation contained in the act authorizing the coinage of the Silver dollar, and to embrace the same in your regular account, or a supplemental account, for the month of June.

Permit me to remind you that it is contrary to law to exceed the amount appropriated by Congress for a specific purpose, and hereafter you will see that no expense is incurred during the fiscal year in excess of the amount appropriated for Contingent Expenses.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram Confirmed

July 10, 1890.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

You are authorized to pay one million dollars in gold bars for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

The award made by you to Thos. H. Charlemer to supply your office with lard tierces and cooperage during the current fiscal year at $1.33 each, as submitted in your letter of the 8th instant, is approved.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced, from the sum of $9000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver dollar, act February 28, 1878, to meet in part the expenses of your Mint for wages of workmen and adjusters on account of that coinage during the current month.

You will understand that no portion of the funds advanced you from the Standard Silver dollar appropriation is to be used in the payment of bills for contingent or incidental expenses and that this advance is to be used strictly as a deficiency appropriation for wages of workmen and adjusters.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir.

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.	50,000 Ounces, at	$1.0650
Handy & Harman	100,000 Ounces, at	$1.0660
Heslage Colgate & Co.	75,000 Ounces, at	$1.0675
American Exchange National Bank	100,000 Ounces, at	$1.0675

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, you are informed that the accounts of the "Daily Evening News" for advertising proposals for supplies required by your mint during the current fiscal year has not been received at the Department. No authority was granted during the last fiscal year to advertise in the "Evening News" for proposals for one cent bronze and five cent

nickel blanks.

Respectfully, yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint, will be one dollar, six and one half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1890.

Phoenix Manufacturing Co.
Taunton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 8th inst. you are respectfully informed that the awards for crucibles at the various institutions under the control of this bureau for the next fiscal year, were made upon the recommendation of the operative officers and the Superintendents, and for what is believed to be the best interests of the Government, and I do not consider that it would be proper for me to furnish the information you request to a firm interested in furnishing this class of supplies to the Government.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Perry A. Gibson Esq.
#702 State Street,
Erie, Pa.

Sir:
Your letter of the 9th instant has been referred to the assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for reply.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept the same at one dollar six and three fourths cents per ounce fine, which is the full market price.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram confirmed

July 10, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
#20, Nassau Street,
New York.

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

July 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending June 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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July 11th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir.

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company, 80,000 Ounces at $1.0675

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

July 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Pay one million dollars in gold bars for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram Confirmed

July 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Instruct the coiner to receipt for the minor coinage ingots which Mr. Whitehead reports he was not charged with.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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July 11th, 1890.

Hon. W. W. Morrow M.C.
House of Representatives.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Morrow:

Referring to the subject matter of my communication of the 9th instant, viz: the fall in the price of silver about 1808, I beg to submit for your consideration the following remarks:

The legal ratio of gold to silver adopted by the United States in 1792 was 1:15.

The commercial value of gold to silver for the years 1801 to 1821 was as follows:

1801	1:15.46	1811	1:15.53
1802	1:15.26	1812	1:16.11
1803	1:15.41	1813	1:16.25
1804	1:15.41	1814	1:15.04
1805	1:15.79	1815	1:15.26
1806	1:15.52	1816	1:15.28
1807	1:15.43	1817	1:15.11
1808	1:16.08	1818	1:15.35
1809	1:15.96	1819	1:15.33
1810	1:15.77	1820	1:15.62

It will be noticed that the commercial value of the two metals departed most widely during the years 1808–1813, and that the value of silver declined (considerably) in 1808 gradually returning to the French parity in 1811 and falling off again considerably in 1812 and 1813.

A variety of causes seem to have operated to lower the value of silver during this period some of the causes operating more potently during some years and others during other years. Among

these causes may be mentioned a decline in the amount shipped to India, large issues of paper money by European nations which took the place of coin, the suspension of specie payment by the Bank of England, and the disturbed condition of Mexico, Chili, Peru and Bolivia after 1811 when these countries were engaged in wars of independence with Spain, the direct result of which was to draw men from the mines for enlistment in the revolutionary armies, so that from 1811 to 1820 the annual production of the precious metals fell off over sixty per cent.

The shipments of treasure, principally silver, to China and the East Indies were: in 1805, 8,741,000 ounces, 1806, 3,430,000 ounces, and in 1807, 360,000 ounces. This left a large amount of unabsorbed silver on the market in 1808, which resulted in the decline of that metal. The subsequent decline in 1812 and 1813 was due to a falling off in the shipments to India and the disturbed condition of Spanish America referred to above.

The shipments of specie [principally silver] to India in 1810-11 was £2,156,000; in 1811-12, £1,070,000; in 1812-13, only £870,000, and in 1813-14, £620,000, a decline of over fifty per cent in a few years.

This fact seems sufficient to explain the decline of silver in the period 1808-1813. I would say, however, that this was an epoch of great disturbance, and I take the liberty of extracting the opening statement in Chapter 5 of the "History of Prices" by Tooke:

"The epoch which we are now entering upon, viz: from"
"the close of 1808 to the commencement of 1814, embraces"
"the precise interval which has commonly been fixed"
"upon in proof, as it is alleged, of depreciation of"
"the currency by the Bank restriction, greatly"
"beyond the degree indicated by the difference"
"between paper and gold. And what, in a"
"historical point of view, as relates to the com-"
"-merce of this country, is of much more importance,"
"the interval between the commencement of 1809"
"and the close of 1813, besides the astounding changes"
"which were brought in the political condition"
"of the principal states of Europe, embraces"
"events which caused greater revolutions in the"
"principal channels of our foreign trade, and"
"more signal vicissitudes in the fortunes of"
"individuals, than can be found in any other"
"equal portion of our commercial history."
"We have seen that towards the conclusion"
"of the last epoch, the course of political"
"events had been such as tended to the"
"exclusion of this country from commercial"
"intercourse with the Continent of Europe,"
"and with the United States of America."
"The consequence had been a great falling off of"
"the importation of all European and American pro-"
"-duce, and an enormous advance of prices, upon"
"the speculation of continued and increasing"
"obstacles to our receiving further supplies. The"
"corn trade, however, as was before observed,"
"had not participated to the full extent of that specu-"
"-lation. For, high as the price was, it does not appear to"
"have been high enough, although the ports were open,"
"to induce adequate efforts to overcome the im-"
"-pediments which then existed to a foreign supply."

Trusting this information may be

of use to you, I am, with great respect,
Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1890.

Hon. W. W. Morrow
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your verbal inquiry I have to state that when the London price for silver .925 fine is 62¾ pence, at par of exchange $4.8665 the value of an ounce of fine silver would be $1.3755.

At this rate the bullion value of a silver dollar is $1.0639 and the ratio between silver and gold, 1522.664.

I return herewith the slips left by you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1890.

Cabell Whitehead, Esq.,
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday, relative to the failure of the Coiner to receipt for certain minor coinage metal, you are authorized to charge the Coiner with the delivery of minor coinage ingots to which you refer.

I will thank you to look into the matter of the receipt of minor coinage blanks by the Coiner and, if the accounts are

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not kept methodically, you will please institute such a system as will leave no room for doubt on this point.

I have instructed the Superintendent that minor coinage blanks are not to pass through the melter and refiner's accounts hereafter, and only such minor coinage metal will appear in his accounts as is comprised in old material which he has to make into new migots.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 12, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., for the month ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

Ordinary, Refinery, and Standard Silver Dollar accounts, Superintendent Philadelphia

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July 12, 1890.

Hon. Wm. Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Samuel C. Wright Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, at Carson Nev., the sum of thirteen thousand, five Hundred, five and 21/100 Dollars ($13,505.21) on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + A. W. Smyth, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, the sum of Twenty) Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty Three and 26/100 Dollars ($20,353.26) on account of + + + + + + + + + +

July 12, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

It is my intention to present, as usual, a review of the business of your institution during the last fiscal year, in my report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890.

If there have been any matters of special moment anything unusual about the character or amount of the deposits,

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or any improvements in processes or apparatus, you will please inform me of them at your leisure or as to reach this bureau not later than September 1st.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

July 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day requested that there be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name the sum of $13,505.21 on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as to amt mentioned, to:
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La. + + $20,353.26. + +

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

My fiscal report for the year ended June 30, 1890, will contain a review of the business of your institution during the last fiscal year. Heretofore these reviews have been compiled in this bureau from such information as I have been able to obtain from annual and other statements.

I think it would be better for you to write the article relating to your institution, for my revision, embracing such points as you may think of special interest.

Reference is made to the article covering the business of your institution for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, published on pages 66-67 of my last fiscal report as a guide in the preparation of the review for the last fiscal year 1890.

I desire all of the statistical information embraced in that review to appear in the article for the fiscal year 1890, that is, similar information, and you may add, as I say, any other matter covering the business of your institution, new or improved processes, or betterments of building &c., which you may think of special interest.

You will prepare this review at your leisure and forward it to us to reach this bureau not later than the first of September.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters to addressees on next page.

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Supt. U.S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Supt. U.S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

July 12, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:
C.D. No. 8263 for $109.89 being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for Salaries of your Mint fiscal year 1890, included in your communication of the 26th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. Personal credit is be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount is be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech, Director.

(2) Two similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

C.D. No. 8267 for $67.48 + + + + +
+ Contingent Expenses + + + +
+ + + + + + + +

C.D. No. 8268 for $23.75 + + + + +
+ + Wages of Workmen + + + +
+ + + + + +

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Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + + +
Ordinary, Refinery, Standard Silver Dollar
accounts + + + + +
+ + + + + +

July 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to the pay roll of the general department of your Mint for the month of June, 1890, I find that you have paid the assistant book-keeper, Francis O. Minor, four days over-time, and Joseph H. Barnes, Office clerk, one day and five hours over-time.

You must be aware that it is not the practice in the Mint service nor in any other service that I am aware of, nor is there any authority of law for regu-

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-lation to pay clerks for over-time. The clerical force of the Mints like that of the Department, is supposed to work as long as is necessary for the transaction of the necessary clerical business. If it has been the practice in your mint to allow extra pay for clerical service it has been allowed because my attention has not been directed to it. It will be discontinued hereafter and in no case is extra compensation to be paid for clerical services.

I am disposed to disapprove the extra compensation allowed these clerks but before acting finally upon the case I will thank you to inform me what was the occasion of the extra service required of these clerks.

I find that in the general department Jules Stoky machinist has been paid for five days and three hours over-time, John Albers, machinist two days and one hour overtime, George J. Viosca, workman seven days and four hours over-time and Robert A. Johnson, workman, ten days and six hours over-time and that in the Coiner's department a number of foremen, cutters and others have been paid for over-time. As the work of your Mint was very much lighter in the month of June than in previous months I do not understand the necessity for over-time.

With the present allotment of coinage it is certainly within the power of the force of your Mint to execute the current business within regular hours.

I would suggest that you issue an order that over-time will not be allowed except in cases of absolute necessity, to be specifically authorized

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in advance.

In this connection I may say under existing circumstances, and under the proposed plan, the coinage of silver dollars at your mint will not exceed the present monthly allotment. Indeed whether I will be able to continue that amount of coinage will depend largely upon the facilities for obtaining silver for delivery at your mint. The only firm at present offering silver for delivery at New Orleans is the Boston & Colorado Smelting and Refining Co. I shall endeavor, however, if it is offered to keep you supplied with silver for coinage purposes. You can, therefore, make your calculations that for the current fiscal year the business of your mint so far as coinage is concerned will be upon the basis of your present monthly quota.

While I do not wish to order any material reduction of force, as I am conscious that the work performed at your mint has been very economically executed and the force in no way excessive, in view of the reduced coinage it will doubtless be held that the same force is not necessary to execute a coinage of 700,000 silver dollars as was required for the coinage of 1,000,000 pieces and the same advances from the standard silver dollar appropriation will not be justified.

It is respectfully suggested therefore that where you can with propriety and without working any great hardships, dispense with the services of non-efficient or useless employés that you gradually reduce your force to the number re-

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-cessary for the prompt and efficient execution within regular hours, of the work of your Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 11, 1890.

L. B. Mizner, Esq.
Envoy, Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Guatemala City,
Guatemala.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 20th ultimo, enclosing information, from the republics of Costa Rica and Salvador, called for in the circular of the Department of State December 18, 1889, has been received, and I beg to thank you for your courtesy in transmitting the same.

I trust that you may be able to forward the information relating to Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala, for insertion in my fiscal report.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1890.

George U. Duer, Esq.
Millersburg, Ohio.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, you are informed that old silver coins are bought as bullion by the mints at Philadelphia and New Orleans at a price

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fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint. At present the price is $1.065 per ounce fine.

You can forward the coins to either of the Mints by express, and their value as bullion will be sent you by express at your expense.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 14th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City Idaho be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50000), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address,

Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000) to the Boise City National Bank at Boise City, Idaho.

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Hon. Wm. Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of William H. Dimond Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, the sum of Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Four and 36/100 ($21,774.36) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 14, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram to day, requesting that $5000 be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, and that authority be telegraphed you to draw against the same you are informed that money will be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York and also with the depository bank in Boise City in the usual way, that is by request by letter. The Department objects to telegraphic authorities for advances of public money.

On the 8th inst. you had $35,732.- to your credit with the assistant treasurer at New York and I do not understand how

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you could have exhausted that amount from the 8th to the 14th inst., so as to necessitate a telegraphic transfer of funds. When you have not sufficient money to your credit with the assistant treasurer you will require depositors to accept checks on the Boise bank.

Very respectfully
E O Leech
Director.

July 14th, 1890.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50000), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

You can draw against it on receipt of this.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

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+ Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15000) + + Boise City National Bank, Boise City, Idaho.

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July 14, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of July, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $869.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891	$269.60
Wages of Workmen	1891	
Contingent Expenses	1891	600.00

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 14, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

From and after receipt hereof, you will pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of 97 cents per ounce standard until further notice.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to:

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

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Similar letters & one on preceding page; addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

July 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant in relation to a disallowance reported against you by the First Comptroller on account of overpayments for telegraphic service in the months of January, February and March, 1890, I hand to say that no means of relief can be afforded you other than you may, yourself, be able to effect with the local agent or manager of

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your city. As soon as this Bureau was informed of the new schedule of rates you were advised, and the circular was mailed to you. This was early in February and should have protected you from the disallowance made against you in February and March.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 14th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant you are instructed to deposit all balance pertaining to your regular appropriations as soon as current bills are paid. The bills of the Central Pacific are paid at the Department only. In the event of bills for supplies being over-looked they will be approved by you and forwarded here for payment.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Elurada Daily Tribune" for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your mint for the current fiscal year, amounting to $12.60, which sum is payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the fiscal year ended June 30 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Telegram confirmed

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and eight cents per ounce fine, to-morrow morning.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

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Telegram

The Assayer in-Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Representative Carter recommends appointment of Edward W. Murphy of Helena as second assistant melter & refiner. Letter by mail.

E. O. Leech
Director-Mint.

July 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th inst, relative to the stock of gold bars on hand, am I to understand that the only bars desired for

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shipment are the mixed bars running from .925 to .994 fine? Are such bars preferred to fine bars for shipment, and is there no demand for fine bars for shipment?

You will continue to telegraph applications for fine bars for shipment until otherwise instructed.

I will thank you to inform me what stock of gold bars is necessary to keep on hand at your institution for the convenient transaction of business with depositors, that is, depositors of bullion as distinguished from depositors of coin for bars for jewelers or for export.

I desire to know the lowest stock of gold bars which it would be necessary to keep in your institution for the prompt payment of deposits of gold bullion for return in bars.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of current date you are informed that the practice heretofore at your Mint has been to deposit the balance of profits on hand at the close of business June 30, and to pay the expense of distribution incurred in June from profits accruing in July. If however, you prefer to pay the expense of distribution from profits accrued during the last fiscal year, you can do so, debiting the amount against the silver profit fund in your

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bullion account ended June 30. I think, however, it would be preferable to deposit the balance of profits actually on hand June 30, and to pay the expenses of distribution from the profits on the July coinage whenever a sufficient sum has accrued.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate for silver in lots of less than 10000 ounces at your mint will be $1.08 per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $21,674.36 to be redeposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Messrs. M. Gernsheim & Co.
P. O. Box 3727,
New York.

Gentlemen: —

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant you are informed that offers for the sale of silver in lots of 10000 ounces and over are received by the Department on Mondays and Thursdays of each week up to one o'clock P. M. for delivery at the Mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco and Carson, bidders stating the lowest price per ounce fine at which they will deliver the silver free of expense to the Government at the Mints named. Where the bullion is of such character as to require parting and refining, the charge for that operation is imposed. As soon as the value of the bullion is determined by assay, payment is made by draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York. Bids are received and answered by telegram the same day. All offers should be addressed to the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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July 14, 1890.

Edward Albert Esq.
Cashier, Atlas National Bank,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th instant enclosing $1.- in currency, and in compliance with your request, I remit herewith ten (10) dimes of the coinage of 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S.

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Assay Office at New York City for the month ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th instant requesting authority to dispose of the old material and sweeps now on hand at your mint. You will obtain proposals for the old material and sweeps and submit the same with your recommendations to this Bureau for approval.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

1000 Sheets Form 188 D.
viz 250 Sheets Silver for Bars
" 250 " Gold " "
" 500 " Silver Purchases.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 15, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

The following awards, as submitted by you, for supplies required by your office for the current fiscal year, are approved:

Bullock & Crenshard.

25 lbs. Ammonia, 20° in bottles	$ 3.25
14 lbs. Acid, nitric, absolutely pure chlorine free, Sp. gr. 1.42 as used in Philada. Mint	3.34
18 lbs. Acid, sulphuric absolutely pure Sp. gr. 1.84	3.80
1 bbl. Boray, refined, 300 lbs.	24.50
25 lbs. Powd. Silica	2.50
100 lbs. Lewis best Litharge	8.50
25 lbs. Pure sheet Test Lead assaying .02 Oz. of silver per ton	5.50
100 lbs. Bone Ash, fine	16.00

Burwell & Dunn

600 Scorifiers #2	@ $1.80 per 100 Nos.
300 Battersea Crucibles "G"	" 9.40 " " "
50 Covers for same	" 4.90 each
24 Black Lead crucibles 6 in. 5 in.	" 6.90 per doz.

Zeno Hudson.

Charcoal	@ 6¢ per bushl.

W. P. Craven.

Oak Wood Dry - 2 lengths (2 feet long)	@ $2.39 per cord
Pine Wood	" 2.39 " "

J. J. Anthony.

Coal, Egg, best quality	@ $9.00 per ton
Coal, Chestnut, best quality	" 9.00 " "

The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver Colo.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $570.00 from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1890 to meet the expenses incurred in renovating and partially refurnishing same.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. relative to incurring an expense of $30.00 a month for sprinkling the streets fronting the mint is at hand and before giving my approval to this expenditure I desire to submit whether it would not be practicable to purchase a hose and have one of the watchmen or workmen water the streets and grounds surrounding the mint, as often as may be necessary. This is done at other institutions in the Mint service, and unless the water arrangements in your city are different than elsewhere I see no reason why the water for which the Government pays should not be used for this purpose. If this is impracticable you are authorized to incur the expense mentioned for a few months in the Summer, but it is not to be continuous.

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech
Director.

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June 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have received the report of Messrs. Gross and Morgan upon the annual settlement and count of your Institution at the close of the last fiscal year, and I desire to say that I am very much pleased at the result of the years' business, and the satisfactory condition in which they found everything connected with the precious metals, the melter and refiner having returned a surplus of 404.570 standard ounces of gold and of silver 542.12 standard ounces.

While this result is additional evidence, although none was needed, of the economical and careful working of the melter and refiner's branch of your institution, and while his efforts to recover all the small quantities of precious metals contained in deposits of bullion is commendable, I beg to impress upon you that as far as possible all the gold and silver contained in deposits should be charged to the melter and refiner's accounts, and the effort should always be to charge his accounts with whatever of the precious metals is contained in deposits where it is practicable to do so, and not to lean in the other direction.

The fact that he has recovered over $8,000 worth of gold during the last year, from miscellaneous deposits, in excess of the amount with which he was charged, and in excess of the necessary wastage of

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his department, is very strong evidence that very considerable amounts of gold were delivered to the melter and refiner in miscellaneous deposits, with which he was not charged.

As I say, the efforts should be to constantly to reduce this to a minimum, and wherever deposits contain precious metals and base metals, and the latter are eliminated, the charge should be imposed and the precious metals allowed the depositor and charged to the melter and refiner.

The Government is not so anxious to make a good showing in the way of a surplus in its business as it is to use all the necessary precautions to charge officers with the full amount of the precious metals which they actually handle.

I repeat that I am pleased with the settlement and with the very economical and efficient working of the melter and refiner's department.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 15, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Confirmed

You are authorized to pay five hundred thousand dollars in gold bars, for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, you are informed that the bill of the "Evening News" for advertising for proposals for supplies has not been received by the department.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to so much of my letter of the 24th ultimo, as disapproves the award made by you for Wilkesbarre Screened Coal at $16.00 per ton, you are informed that it was expected that you would either accept the bid

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for coal similar to that heretofore used at your mint, or obtain new bids and submit them for my approval. You can adopt either course as may in your judgment be for the best interests of the government.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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To the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co.
P.O. Box 2375
New York.

Gentlemen:
I will thank you to state the lowest rate at which you will deliver ten (10) tons best Ingot Copper to the Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans, free of all charges.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

The Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company,
Keyser Building
Baltimore, Md.

Messrs. Hendricks Bros.
#49 Cliff Street
New York.

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Telegram
Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined. No offers considered until Thursday.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

July 16, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891:

For Assayer, who shall also perform the duties of Melter, two thousand dollars; one clerk one thousand two hundred dollars; in all three thousand two hundred dollars;

For incidental and contingent expenses including labor, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891:

For salary of Superintendent, three thousand

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dollars; for assayer melter and refiner, and coiner at two thousand five hundred dollars each; assistant assayer, assistant melter and refiner, and assistant coiner, at two thousand dollars each; chief clerk, at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; cashier, book-keeper and weigh clerk, at two thousand dollars each; abstract clerk and register of deposits, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; assayer's computation clerk, at one thousand two hundred dollars; in all twenty-nine thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

For Wages of workmen and adjusters, thirty thousand dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses, twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I return herewith the awards for supplies required by your Mint for the current fiscal year enclosed in your letter of the 10th instant for my approval. Your attention is called to Article 26 "Purchase of Supplies" page 30 Instructions and Regulations. Your attention is called particularly to paragraph 6, which you appear to have entirely ignored. You will prepare a detailed schedule, giving the name of bidder for each article. The

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awards made by you should be attested by the operative officers. I will thank you to give this matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

For Assayer and Melter, one thousand five hundred dollars; Assistant Assayer, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; in all, two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses, including labor, two thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 16, 1890.

The Assayer-in-Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891:

For salary of Assayer in Charge, two thousand five hundred dollars; for melter, two thousand two hundred and

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fifty dollars; chief clerk one thousand eight hundred dollars. one clerk, one thousand six hundred dollars; one clerk, one thousand four hundred dollars; assistant assayer, one thousand four hundred dollars, in all ten thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.
For wages of workmen thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.
For incidental and contingent expenses, six thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 16, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:
The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.
For salary of assayer in charge, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.
melter two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. chief clerk, one thousand eight hundred dollars; one clerk, one thousand four hundred dollars. in all seven thousand seven hundred dollars.
For wages of workmen, twelve thousand dollars.
For incidental and contingent expenses, five thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891:

For salary of superintendent, three thousand five hundred dollars; for the assayer, melter and refiner, and coiner at two thousand five hundred dollars each, cashier and chief clerk, at two thousand dollars each, assistant assayer, assistant melter and refiner, and assistant coiner, at one thousand nine hundred dollars each, abstract clerk, book-keeper, weigh clerk, and assayer's computation clerk, at one thousand six hundred dollars each, register of the deposits, warrant clerk clerk and assistant weigh clerk, at one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars each, cashier's clerk, one thousand one hundred dollars; in all, thirty-one thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.

For wages of workmen and adjusters, seventy-four thousand dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses, including repairs thirty-five thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891:

For salary of superintendent, four thousand five hundred dollars; for assayer, and for melter and refiner, at three thousand dollars each; chief clerk, assistant melter and refiner, and weighing clerk, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; book-keeper two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars; warrant clerk, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; cashier, two thousand dollars; bar clerk, abstract clerk, and assayer's computation clerk, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; assistant weigh clerk, one thousand six hundred dollars; register of deposits, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; assayer's first assistant, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; assayer's second assistant, two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars; assayer's third assistant, two thousand dollars; in all thirty-nine thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

For wages of workmen, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses, ten thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891:

For salary of the superintendent, four thousand five hundred dollars. for the assayer, melter and refiner, coiner and engraver, at three thousand dollars each; assistant assayer, assistant melter and refiner, and assistant coiner, at two thousand dollars each; cashier, two thousand five hundred dollars; chief clerk, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; book-keeper, abstract clerk and weigh clerk, at two thousand dollars each; cashier's clerk, warrant clerk, and register of deposits, at one thousand seven hundred dollars each; assistant weigh clerk, and assayer's computation clerk, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; in all, forty-one thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

For wages of workmen and adjusters, two hundred and ninety three thousand dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses, including new machinery and repairs, expenses (annual assay) commission (and purchases not exceeding) three hundred dollars in value, of specimen coins and ores for the cabinet of the Mint), eighty thousand dollars

Very respectfully

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith an extract from the report of Mr. Cabell Whitehead on the annual settlement of your Mint just completed.

Your attention is directed the carelessness in the accounts of the medal clerk. I may say that there were numerous complaints of the manner of keeping the medal fund accounts prior to the change of the system which was instituted under my direction, and at my suggestion, during the last administration, and it was hoped that when this new system went into vogue that there would be no further complaints of looseness of these accounts.

You are instructed to call the attention of the medal clerk to this matter and to say to him that he should exercise great care in the keeping of these accounts that if at any time in the future I find that they are in an unsatisfactory condition I will order them to be put in charge of some other person.

I desire that you will look into the recommendation made by Mr. Whitehead relative to the propriety of crediting the melter and refiner with the minor coin issues prepared by him instead of with the finished blanks as has been the practice. It seems to me that this would be more in keeping with the natural system of accounts, and would make the minor coin accounts conform to the same

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system as the gold and silver bullion accounts.
Of course I refer only to minor coinage metal actually operated upon by the Melter and Refiner and made into ingots, and not to the purchased blanks which you were orally instructed were not to pass through the Melter and Refiner's accounts.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant you are informed that the balance of silver profits on the coinage of silver dollars at your mint June 30, can be deposited through the Treasury here and transferred to your bullion fund by transfer order, but this cannot be done until it is definitely known whether it is your intention to pay the expenses of distributing silver dollars in June from the balance on hand, or whether you have decided to pay them from profits accruing in July. According to form #232 the balance to the credit of the silver profit fund June 30, was $246,203.82. I will thank you to inform me if this is correct.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

For salary of Superintendent, four thousand five hundred dollars; assayer, melter and refiner and coiner, at three thousand dollars each; chief clerk, and cashier, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; book-keeper, abstract clerk, weigh clerk, warrant clerk, assistant assayer, assistant melter and refiner, assistant coiner, and register of deposits, at two thousand dollars each; cashier's clerk, one thousand eight hundred dollars; assayer's computing clerk, assistant weigh clerk, and superintendent's computing clerk, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; in all, forty one thousand one hundred dollars.

For wages of workmen and adjusters, one hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses, forty thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., which for some reason has just been brought to my attention, I would say that no portion of the purchase from Mr. Reichhelm, or from any one else, can be paid for until the goods are received and receipted for by you, but it is not necessary for you to deposit your balance of the last fiscal year at once. You may hold it and pay a portion of the expense for the melting furnaces from last years appropriation. You will understand that it cannot be paid on account, but must be a specific bill for an itemized account.

I would suggest that you pay the bill for one of the melting furnaces from last year's appropriation and the other from this year's appropriation, and that you have Mr. Reichhelm render you separate bills, dating one last year and one this year.

You may render your June account and deposit your balance from last year if you choose, and when the bill is received approve it and forward it to this bureau for payment from your appropriation.

This will avoid the necessity of keeping your accounts open, or you can rendich your June account and render a supplemental account for the month of June

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embracing this item, as you prefer.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 16, 1890.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891:

For assayer in charge, two thousand five hundred dollars; one clerk, one thousand dollars, in all, three thousand five hundred dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses, including labor two thousand four hundred dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 16, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Offers considered only on Mondays and Thursdays.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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July 17th 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office Boise City Idaho to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen 33/100 Dollars ($20,416.33) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Thirty Six 68/100 Dollars ($236.68) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Three 01/100 Dollars ($20,653.01) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer-in-charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City Idaho as shown by Memorandum dated July 11th 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, & same address:

+ + + + + +
+ Mint at Denver Colorado + + +
+ Forty-two Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-three 45/100 Dollars ($42,853.45) + + + Five Hundred and Eighteen 93/100 Dollars ($518.93) + + + + + Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Two 38/100 Dollars ($43,372.38) + + + +
+ Mint at Denver Colorado + + + +

+ + + + + + +
+ + at St. Louis Mo. + + +
+ + Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-one 30/100 Dollars ($21,161.30) + + + Three Hundred and Twenty One 13/100 Dollars ($321.13) + + + Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Two 43/100 Dollars ($21,482.43) + +
+ St. Louis Mo. + + + + + +

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Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated July 11, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 28 dated June 21st, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $20,706.14; charges $53.13, and net value $20,653.01. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Shipment No. 30 dated June 23d,
$43,481.86; $109.48,
$43372.38.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Shipment No. 115 dated June 24th
$21,533.55; $51.12
$21,482.43.

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent, Mint
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of Silver to one dollar, nine and one half cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

July 17, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Pay Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in gold bars, for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 17th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for, as may

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be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 75000 Ounces at $1.10

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, & addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.	100,000 Ounces, at	$1.0975
Nesslage Colgate & Co.	150,000 Ounces, at	$1.0975
Handy & Harman	200,000 Ounces, at	$1.0980

July 17th, 1890.

Hon. J. H. Carter, M. C.
Chairman, Sub-Committee on
Coinage, Weights & Measures,
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of February 17, 1890, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing House bills Nos. 931 and 978, to establish assay offices at Spokane Falls, Washington, and at Socorro, New Mexico, and requesting an opinion as to the necessity for the establishment of assay offices at the points named, I have the honor to report as follows.

The present mint establishment of the United

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States consists of four coinage Mints located at Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco and Carson City and six assay Offices located at New York, N.Y. St. Louis, Mo. Denver, Colorado, Helena, Montana, Boise City, Idaho and Charlotte, North Carolina.

As to the necessity for the establishment of assay Offices at the points named, speaking generally, it may be said that no pressing necessity exists for the establishment of any additional assay Offices in the United States.

The advantages of Government assay Offices in the precious-metals producing sections are: 1st. That they enable miners to have their product converted into imparted bars with the Stamp of weight and fineness of the Government Assayer affixed, thus enabling them to find a more ready and profitable market. 2nd. It enables the immediate producer of the precious metals to receive in coin the same value for his deposit of bullion as soon as assayed as he would if his deposit was made at one of the coinage mints, the cost of transporting the bullion to the Mint at Philadelphia for coinage being paid by the Government.

During the last calendar year the production of the precious metals in the State of Washington, as estimated by me, was $175,000 in gold and $103,434 in Silver making a total of $278,434. If it is deemed desirable by Congress to establish an assay office in this state Spokane Falls would appear to be a desirable point being in the centre of the principal mining sections of the State. The nearest

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assay office to Spokane Falls is at Helena Montana, a distance of 382 miles.
The production of the precious metals in New Mexico during the calendar year 1889, as estimated by me in my annual report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States was $1,000,000 in gold and $1,461,000 in Silver, making a total of $2,461,000.
Socorro is located in the principal mining section of New Mexico and the nearest point at which miners can have their product melted and assayed and its value determined is at the mint at Denver, Colorado, a distance of 479 miles.
Aside from the cost of site, building, and equipment, the annual expenses connected with the running of a Government assay office at the points named would probably amount to not less than $10,000 a year each.
The question of the necessity and propriety of establishing assay offices at these points rests with Congress, and I have merely endeavored to state succinctly such facts as may be useful to your committee in enabling it to make a proper decision.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate for silver at your mint, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be $1.09½ per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

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Samuel D. Bartley, Esq.,
Laconia, Ind.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 12th inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, your application for a position in the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, together with your endorsements are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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To the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co.
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver 10 tons best Ingot Copper to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, free of charges, at the rate of 15½¢ per pound is accepted. You will please ship the copper at an early day, transmitting your account receipted in duplicate for settlement.

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

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To the Ansonia Copper and Brass Co.
P.O. Box 2375,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to furnish ten (10) tons copper to the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, is respectfully declined.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Messrs. Hendricks Bros.
#49 Cliff Street,
New York.

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To the
Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.
#20 Wall Street
New York.

Gentlemen:

I would be glad, if when offering silver, you would give the department the option of accepting for delivery between Philadelphia and New Orleans, as by this course your offer would receive more liberal consideration.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Thorshay,
#11 Wall Street
New York.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company,
#20 Wall Street
New York.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street, New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:
$20,000. U.S. with Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York
5,000. with Commercial Natl Bank at Charlotte.

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 18, 1890.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at New York to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Nineteen Thousand Eighteen and 10/100 Dollars ($19018.10) payable in 21,921.9 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours
E.O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of O. C. Boskyshell Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of Two Hundred Forty Six Thousand, Two Hundred Three and 82/100 Dollars ($246,203.82) on account of profits on the Coinage of Silver dollars and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, ($25,000.-) and that $20,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and balance of $5,000.- with Commercial National Bank at Charlotte.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Mr. Hanna can have his leave whenever the public business will permit of his absence.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 18, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th inst. transmitting bills in duplicate of the "Inter Mountain Publishing Co." from June 30, 1887 to June 30, 1890 amounting to $12.00, the same are herewith returned for your approval.

The bill for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, cannot be paid as the appropriations for that year have been covered into the Treasury, as required by law, and this bill will be withdrawn. I cannot understand why these bills were allowed to stand so long without being reported to the Department for payment. As it is, the "Inter Mountain Publishing Co." will have to look to you for the payment of the bill for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

I will thank you to prepare and forward a list for my approval of such publications as you have subscribed for, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

Please do this at once.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech, Director.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th ult., enclosing bills in duplicate of the "North-West" for subscription from June 30, 1888, to June 30, 1889, and from June 30, 1889 to June 30, 1890, is before me.

These bills are returned for your approval. In returning them I beg to inquire why the bill for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, was not paid at the close of that year.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech.
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I find that the following officers of your mint have not filed with the Department official bonds, namely:

Thomas B. Tracy, Chief Clerk,
James M. Dowling, Cashier,
L. W. Tillburgh, Weigh Clerk,
W. C. Arms, Warrant Clerk,
R. Marquez, Assistant Weigh Clerk,
Thomas J. Carter, Register of Deposits,
John M. Sandidge, Cashier's Clerk.

You will please instruct them to execute and forward immediately official bonds in the following amounts:

Chief Clerk, Cashier and Weigh Clerk $10,000 each.
Warrant Clerk, Assistant Weigh Clerk, Register of Deposits and Cashier's Clerk $5,000 each.

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Similar bonds are required of the employés in the other Mints and assay offices, in fact in the Philadelphia Mint they require a bond of every adjuster.
If you have not a supply of official bonds they will be forwarded to you from this bureau.
Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:
In compliance with your request I have purchased ten (10) tons of Lingot Copper from the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company which is to be delivered at your Mint free of all charges at 15½ cents per pound.
Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:
I have read your letter of the 16th instant, relative to the shipment of gold bars, and am somewhat surprised at the view you suggest, - that the holding of bars and forcing shippers to send coin might enlarge rather than restrain the normal export of gold.
I had thought, and it still seems to me that it would be the case, that if there

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was a foreign obligation to pay a million dollars in gold, and the shipment of a million dollars in gold bars would meet this obligation, the fact that the shipment of a million dollars in coin would fall short of meeting the obligation, - would deter the shipment of coin.

As you well know, the question as to the ex-
-port of gold arises as a rule when ex-
-change is high, the matter resolving itself into the question whether it is more profitable to buy exchange than to ship gold. This ques-
-tion is solved partly by the facilities with which gold can be obtained, and, of course, largely by the net result of such ship-
-ment on the other side of the water.

The very fact that bars are at a premium and are preferred for export would strengthen the supposition that it is more profitable as a business transaction to ship them than it would be to ship coin, and it would seem to follow that except when exchange is very high, shipments might be deferred if it (was necessary) for shippers to secure coin.

At your leisure I will thank you to prepare an article for my fiscal report in regard to the shipments of gold for the last few weeks, that is, since it began to go abroad, giving the destinations and the reasons, so far as they can be obtained from ship-
-pers, for the unusual movement when exchange was at so low a rate.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of $19,018.10 payable in 21,921.9 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Pay Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand in gold bars for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 18, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Pay Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars in gold bars for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 18, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Telegraph London price of silver to-day.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of $19018.10 payable in 21,920.9 ounces of standard silver bullion. When this bullion is received, you will take it up and treat it as a purchase for the standard silver dollar coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in your name, the sum of $246,203.82, on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are authorized and instructed to credit the melter and refiner in your minor coin accounts with the weight of the minor coin ingots prepared by him, and to debit him with the clippings and chips of minor coin returned, charging the coiner with the ingots and crediting him with the clippings and chips.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I find that the Cashier of your mint has not filed with the Department an official bond. While I have perfect confidence in the integrity of Mr. Cowperthwaite, I consider it necessary that he should execute a bond and you will please instruct him to do so in the sum of $10,000.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your letter of the 7th instant, you are authorized to obtain bids for copper suitable for alloy, the same to be opened at 12 o'clock, noon, on the 30th instant and the award made to be submitted for my approval.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed please find voucher #501 of your Ordinary account for the month of June. You will observe that the fourth item — "2 Bbls. Brick Dust @ $2.00" is extended $6.00 instead of $4.00.

As other bills in the account made by same party show the price of this article to be $3.00 per Bbl. I infer that the price entered in the enclosed is a clerical error. If I am correct in this conclusion I will request you to cause the bill to be corrected and returned without delay).

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 26 for $86.22, being on account of suspended balance of appropriation for Salaries of your Mint, fiscal year 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 11th instant has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters except as here noted, to same addressee.

C. D. No. 27 for $199.58, Contingent Expenses

C. D. No. 28 for $1182.85, Wages of Workmen

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are authorized to purchase a carpet for the office of the Assayer. The expense will be paid from your Contingent appropriation.

I would suggest, for your consideration only, the propriety of putting linoleum on the floor instead of carpet.

The carpet at present on the floor of the Assayer's room should be burned and the precious metals, if any, contained in it recovered.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 18, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

For the reason given by you in your letter of the 11th instant, the award of No. 86 x x x x Buck Gloves to S. F. Conklin, is approved.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Company seventy-five thousand ounces, at one dollar nine and one half cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 18, 1890.

Solomon Sternberger, Esq.,
Cor. Spring & Mercer Streets,
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 17th inst., I send you herewith a copy of the circular of the value of foreign coins.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 18, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Selby Smelting & Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Nineteen Thousand and Ninety-one 77/100 Dollars ($19,091.77/100) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Twenty-two 27/100 Dollars ($222.27/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred and Fourteen 04/100 Dollars ($19,314.04/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 29 dated July 11, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address.

Charlotte, Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred and Seven 46/100 Dollars ($19,207.46/100) Ninety-six 26/100 Dollars ($96.26/100) Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred and Three 72/100 Dollars ($19,303.72/100) being the net value Charlotte No. 6

Mint at Denver, Colorado, Seven Hundred and Twenty-seven 25/100 Dollars ($727.25/100) Seven 79/100 Dollars

($7.73/100) + + + Seven Hundred and Thirty four 98/100 Dollars ($734.98/100) + + + Mint at Denver + + + No. 30½ + July 11th, 1890 +

+ Helena, Mont. + + + Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Eight 14/100 Dollars ($37568.14/100) + + + Four Hundred and Two 43/100 Dollars ($402.43/100) + + + + Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy 57/100 Dollars ($37,970.57/100) + + + + Helena + + No. 33 + + July 11th, 1890 + + +

+ + + St. Louis + + + + + Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-six 10/100 Dollars ($8,876.10/100) in Gold bars, + Two Hundred and Seventeen 28/100 ($217.28/100) + + + + + Nine Thousand and Ninety-Three 38/100 Dollars ($9,093.38/100) + + + + + St. Louis + + No. 116 + July 11, 1890 + + +

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be

placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 29 dated July 11, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 29 dated June 30, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $19,362.49/100. Charges $48.45/100, and Net Value $19,314.04/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, & addressed:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Deposit Memorandum No. 6,
No. 6 June 28, 1890
$19,350.09/100, $46.37/100 $19,303.72/100.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

over

	No. 30½		
	No. 30½	June 23, 1890	
	$734.98,	$ —	$734.98.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

No. 33			
	No. 33	June 30, 1890	
	$38,062.$\frac{14}{100}$,	$91.$\frac{57}{100}$,	
$37,970.$\frac{57}{100}$.			

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

No. 116		No. 116	
June 30, 1890			
	$9,122.$\frac{24}{100}$,	$28.$\frac{86}{100}$,	
$9,093.$\frac{38}{100}$.			

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Herewith returned for correction please find your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended December 31st and March 31st.

The disbursement from the appropriation for contingent Expenses in the December statement will be reduced by the amount of $27.59 i.e. $7.63 for disallowance in Voucher No. 69 of your Ordinary account for October, and $19.96 for disallowances in Telegraph bills for December 31, 1889.

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In the statement for March 31st, the expenditures from the same appropriation will be reduced by the amount of $19.04 on account of the following disallowances: - On telegrams of March 31, $16.79, disallowances in the February Ordinary account $2.25. For the items of the latter amount see letter of this Bureau of March 19th last.

Please correct and return with the least practicable delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3 for $479.92, being on account of sale of Copper Solution enclosed in your communication of the 7th inst., has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 8 for $14.85 + + Sale of old material

+ + + + + +

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

+ C. D. No. 288 for $288.00 + + + ore

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assays + + + 8th inst. + + +

July 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

You will please telegraph on Monday next the London price for silver as soon as ascertained.

Respectfully, yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 19, 1890.

J. J. Shirley, Esq.
Waukesha,
Wisconsin.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 9th instant I have to inform you that the Secretary of the Treasury has appointed Eli W. Henderson as your substitute, to be compensated out of your salary at the rate of $1700.- per annum. Mr. Henderson took his oath of office to-day and will be entitled to compensation from this

date. His appointment is for a probationary term of six months unless sooner relieved by your return to duty.

I enclose herewith blank form of certificate to be signed and sworn to by you and to which you will please have your physician attach his certificate. I also enclose a blank pay receipt for the amounts that will be due you as salary for July, which you will sign and return, in order that Mr. Henderson may be paid at the end of the month and a draft for the balance be remitted you.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.
Will consider offers on Monday.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.
Will consider offers on Monday.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred and Forty eight $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars, ($29,648.$\frac{88}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Fifty-six $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars ($356.$\frac{33}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty Thousand and Five $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars, ($30,005.$\frac{21}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 1 dated July 16, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + +
+ Mint + Denver, Colo. + + + Fifty-two Thous-
and Five Hundred and Eighty-one $\frac{54}{100}$ Dollars, ($52,581.$\frac{54}{100}$)
+ + + Six Hundred and Eighty-five $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars
($685.$\frac{22}{100}$), + + + Fifty-three Thousand Two Hundred and
Sixty-six $\frac{76}{100}$ Dollars, ($53,266.$\frac{76}{100}$) + + + Mint
at Denver, + + No. 1 + July 16, 1890, + + +
+ + + + + +

July 21, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1, dated July 16, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia,

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Shipment No. 1, dated July 10, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $39,081.84/100, charges $76.63/100, and net value $39,005.21/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted to

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

No. 1,
July 11, 1890,
$53,402.95/100;
$136.19/100, $53,266.76/100.

July 21, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July, 1890 has been approved for the sum of $731.76, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1891	$231.70
Wages of Workmen	1891	500.00
Contingent Expenses	1891	

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 7000 Ounces, at $1.1045

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman 200,000 Ounces, at $1.1040

July 21st, 1890.

John J. Shirley, Esq.
Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the notice of the Secretary of the Treasury) advising you of the appointment of Mr. Eli W. Henderson as a substitute to perform your duties as a clerk in this office.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange, National Bank
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

July 21, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street, New York.

Your offers declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 21, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29, Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined. Received too late for consideration.
R. E. Preston
Acting, Director, Mint.

July 21, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

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